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## Lawmakers star in anti-US bases film

**MANILA, May 28, (AP):** Two Filipino lawmakers have stepped from the legislative halls onto the silver screen in a new film aimed at mustering opposition to the six US military bases here.

**Eagle's Claw**, which depicts what they say are the adverse social effects of the bases on Philippine society.

**Estrada**, a former actor and mayor until his election to the Senate in 1987, said he decided to make the movie after realising that many Filipinos are not even aware of the presence of the

bases, much less what he terms their ill-effects.

**US diplomats**, speaking on condition of anonymity, say Estrada's strong anti-bases position could become a major factor in the national debate on the installations because of his wide following among ordinary Filipinos.

**Estrada** was one of the leading vote-getters in the May 1987 Senate elections although he was not endorsed by President Corason Aquino. Estrada later joined the pro-Aquino coalition.

In the movie, scheduled for release in June, Estrada plays a driver in Olongapo, home of the Subic Bay Naval Base. The plot centres around Estrada's search for justice after his adopted daughter is raped by a US soldier.

**Coseteng** plays a human rights lawyer and journalist who becomes involved in Estrada's crusade. Both later join groups

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### NEWSWATCH

**Kid burglars**  
**WESTMINSTER, Colorado, May 28, (UPI):** A five-year-old girl and her four-year-old accomplice, who were caught red-handed trying to burglarise an apartment, will not face criminal charges, police said.

**Doing duty**  
**PARIS, May 28, (Reuters):** A Roman Catholic abbot who sheltered French war criminal Paul Touvier in his priory said today that it had been his duty as a Christian to grant asylum.

**New doctors**  
**NEW DELHI, May 28, (AP):** The government today interviewed about 150 doctors in an effort to replace striking physicians whose 13-day-old walkout has crippled the capital's 11 government hospitals.

**5 Poles die**  
**KATHMANDU, May 28, (AP):** Five Polish mountaineers were killed by an avalanche on Mount Everest yesterday and one remained injured and stranded today, the government said.

**Conquered**  
**KATHMANDU, May 28, (Reuters):** Six American climbers have conquered the world's third highest mountain, Kanchenjunga, Nepal's Tourism Ministry said today.

**Silent politician**  
**JOHANNESBURG, May 28, (AP):** Roy Williams has kept a campaign promise most politicians wouldn't dare make: he has served five years without giving a single speech in Parliament.

**Visit to Russia**  
**ABUDHABI, May 28, (Reuters):** The Islamic ruler of the United Arab Emirates is to visit the Soviet Union at the invitation of the Soviet Muslim spiritual leader, the official news agency WAM reported today.

**Nine killed**  
**ISLAMABAD, May 28, (AP):** Nine Pakistanis were killed and 43 were hurt when a speeding bus went out of control and hit a fence and plunged into a lake in central Punjab province, officials said today.

**Headlight tip**  
**JERUSALEM, May 28, (Reuters):** Arabs in the Israeli-occupied territories are driving their cars with only one headlight as night as a tip-off to Palestinian stone-throwers not to attack them.

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## US administration to pressure Arafat

### Rocket fired at Israeli settlement

**WASHINGTON, May 28, (Agencies):** The Bush administration is now preparing a diplomatic effort to persuade the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, to authorise Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza to take part in Israeli-sponsored elections, according to reports here today.

Administration officials told the New York Times that they intend to make it clear to Arafat that unless he treats the Israeli proposal seriously, his contacts with the United States will have little future.



**Spies released**  
Women held in detention by the South West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO) for allegedly spying for the South African government were released this week in Lubango, southern Angola. (Reuters)

## Iran likely to have executive president

### Puzzle over age

**NICOSIA, May 28, (Agencies):** A 20-member committee reviewing Iran's constitution will probably rule that the country's president should wield executive power, a newspaper reported today.

The daily Tehran Times said the committee appointed in April by Ayatollah Khomeini also should decide that the president be directly elected by the people, not Parliament.

Details of the newspaper report were carried by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia.

If the president becomes the country's chief executive, the job of prime minister is likely to be scrapped after the constitutional reforms are approved in a referendum due to be held in August.

## Planned massacre in Tbilisi

**MOSCOW, May 28, (AP):** A report circulated among deputies in the new Soviet Parliament charges that soldiers attacked in a "planned mass massacre" when they broke up a pro-independence protest in Soviet Georgia last month.

The report, issued by a Georgian commission that probed the April 9 clash, calls on the New Congress of People's Deputies to condemn the incident and ascertain who exactly was responsible.

"Otherwise," it says, "a shadow will be laid across the Soviet government as a whole."

The report, backing several claims by Georgian activists, paints a scenario of troops attacking mainly youthful protesters during an early morning clash and killing at least 19 people.

The Bush administration's emerging intermediary role began soon after it took office with its request to Israel to produce new ideas for breaking the deadlock and its simultaneous request to the PLO in Tunis to accept a process of negotiating with Israelis in which West Bank Palestinians would be at the forefront and the PLO would remain in the background.

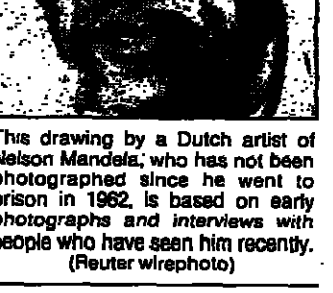
The next move, Bush administration officials say, will be to go back to the PLO in Tunis very shortly and explain that unless they treat the election proposal seriously, they are going to be left with nothing.

Administration officials say, Arafat will be told US will continue contacts which are important for his international credibility — and if the PLO cooperates, the contacts will be extended to higher-ranking officials.

Arab backing for the PLO's stand on talks with Israel leaves the door open for a peace plan by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to be starting point for negotiations, Israel says.

Radical Palestinian commandos fired rockets at an Israeli border settlement today and said four of their men were killed in a clash with Israeli troops.

An eight-month-old baby at the Metulla settlement was wounded by flying glass when two Soviet-made Katyusha rockets struck overnight, the first to hit Israel in almost a year.



This drawing by a Dutch artist of Nelson Mandela, who has not been photographed since he went to prison in 1962, is based on early photographs and interviews with people who have seen him recently. (Reuters wirephoto)



**Hiding identity**  
A student protester wears a mask as he looks at the demonstration march through Tiananmen Square. After an apparent victory by the hardliners in the government power struggle, some protesters are wearing masks so they won't be recognised by the authorities for reprisals. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Cyclone batters Dhaka and India

**DHAKA, May 28, (AP):** A cyclone raged ashore from the Bay of Bengal, killing at least 48 people in Bangladesh and India and leaving thousands homeless, officials said today.

At least 150 Bangladeshi fishermen were reported missing after yesterday's storm and the death toll was expected to rise as rescuers dug through the debris of flattened buildings and mud-and-straw houses in remote towns and villages, Relief Ministry officials in Dhaka said.

They said at least 25 people died and 2,000 were injured in Bangladesh. The independent newspaper Dainik Dush put the death toll at 60.

In India, at least 23 people were killed and 50,000 left homeless in the states of West Bengal and Orissa south of Calcutta, officials and news reports said.

The storm struck the Indian coast Friday night and early yesterday. Later yesterday it veered northeast into Bangladesh, sweeping over marshy coastal area and continuing inland over low-lying fields and villages. The cyclone and a later tornado sparked Dhaka, but heavy rains continued today in the capital and in the already-storm-battered regions.

The Bangladesh Relief Ministry officials said the worst-hit area was Tangail, where preliminary reports said 10 bodies were found in collapsed houses.

They said a tornado blew away more than 2,000 flimsy houses and toppled many trees and electricity poles in Tangail, 72 kilometres (45 miles) northwest of Dhaka. Five more people were killed in the neighbouring Gopalgur area, they added.

## Students will stay in Beijing

### Thousands march

**BEIJING, May 28, (Agencies):** Thousands of Chinese students campaigning for democratic reforms marched through Beijing today and resolved to continue their occupation of Tiananmen Square for at least three more weeks.

Student leaders had earlier recommended that around 10,000 students encamped in the heart of Beijing leave on Tuesday, but a joint council of students and workers announced tonight that the sit-in would continue until at least June 20.

The National People's Congress — China's equivalent of a parliament — is expected to hold a meeting of its standing committee on that date.

Students demanded in a statement broadcast over the square that the Congress revoke martial law declared by Premier Li Peng on May 20 after mass anti-government protests rocked China.

"We want a dialogue. We know that the government wants our movement to die a natural death. We won't leave here without concrete results," said Hong Jiangou from Changchun Teachers College in northern China.

Tiananmen Square has been turned into what resembles a refugee camp with makeshift tents and shelters since thousands of students moved in on May 13.

Their numbers have dwindled but students from outside Beijing have arrived and are determined to keep protest movement going.

State television in its late night news reminded them of the dangers they faced.

A long column of armoured troop carriers was shown sitting outside Beijing awaiting orders to enter the city.

Tens of thousands of troops have encircled the capital since the night of May 19. Blocked at first by throngs of unarmed civilians, they have since withdrawn to barracks and the crowds of protesters have largely dispersed.

Li's hardline government has repeatedly said troops would not be used against students, but informed Chinese journalists said the Army was likely to enter Beijing once a power struggle between senior leader Deng Xiaoping and reformist Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang was finally resolved.

Zhao is believed to be under virtual house arrest. Chinese journalists said. His fate is expected to be resolved this week by a meeting of the party central committee or an enlarged politburo meeting.

About 50,000 pro-democracy students marched through Beijing today in defiance of martial law regulations, but demonstrators were disappointed they did not draw the huge crowds they had hoped for. Police stayed

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## Nakasone to quit LDP: Uno tipped

TOKYO, May 28. (Agencies): Former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone will quit Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party because of his links with the Recruit shares-for-favours scandal, the national broadcasting network NHK said today.

It said Nakasone had told his party colleagues he had decided to leave the party to take responsibility for the country's biggest postwar scandal which started during his premiership.

No comment was immediately available from officials.

On Thursday, Nakasone testified to Parliament on his role in the scandal, but he failed to change a negative image among the public that he only pushed his responsibility onto his subordinates, including his chief cabinet secretary Fumio Fujimori who was indicted for his involvement in the affair.

Recruit, a publishing and telecommunications group, gave massive amounts of money and unlisted shares to leading politicians, officials and businessmen for favours.

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita announced on April 25 that he would step down to take responsibility for the scandal which has led to the resignation of three other cabinet members and the arrest of 13 people.

During the latest of a series of meetings aimed at finding a successor to Takeshita, he and party general secretary Shintaro Abe yesterday agreed to ask Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno to take the premiership.

The 66-year-old Uno fended off questions about the succession today as he left for Paris to attend meetings of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and International Energy Agency (IEA).

"I am not in a position to say anything about it. I am still acting in my capacity as foreign minister," Uno told reporters, adding he had not been formally offered the premiership.

But all major Japanese news organisations reported that outgoing Takeshita selected Uno as his replacement following a flurry of party meetings yesterday and planned to hand over power to Uno on Friday.

Several party elders flatly rejected the job, including Masayoshi Ito, 75, and former Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, 84.

Uno, who has served in Takeshita's cabinet since taking power in November 1987, was selected as a compromise choice for party leader because he is free of allegations in the scandal, party sources said.

Uno currently wields little power in the LDP, however, and has major detractors. News reports said Michio Watanabe, No.2 in the Nakasone faction who holds the important LDP post of policy affairs chairman, is against the Uno selection.

Other key Uno detractors, according to the reports, are Ito, who earlier rejected the job favouring a younger leader, along with former Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and LDP elder Raizo Matsuno.

## France admits getting US help in nuke programme

PARIS, May 28. (Reuters): France today confirmed reports that it had received technical help from the United States in its nuclear weapons programme, but stressed that its nuclear deterrent remains totally independent.

"The exchange of technical information with the United States does not indicate any dependence of French nuclear forces, in any of their component parts, on foreign technologies," the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

"They have no effect on the independence of French decision-making when it comes to putting into action forces which depend exclusively on the president of the republic."

The ministry was reacting to report in the US magazine Foreign Policy, in which an international affairs expert claimed that the United States had secretly helped the French nuclear weapons programme for the last 15 years.

The article said a mutually beneficial exchange of

information was started by former US President Richard Nixon and US National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger and had been endorsed by every president since.

The report is potentially embarrassing for the French government, as France has not been a member of NATO's integrated military command structure since 1966 and stands proudly by its tradition of nuclear independence. It is also unclear whether the exchange violated American law.

The ministry said both countries had exchanged nuclear information, chiefly on security and safety matters, under an agreement signed in 1961 and amended in 1985.

"The existence of these agreements has never been secret. Even if some of the work undertaken in their framework is classified, they never involved any transfer of concepts or formulas," it said. "France built its independent nuclear deterrent on its own."

## NATO arms row looms over summit

Kohl rules out any compromise

ROME, May 28. (Agencies): US President George Bush left Italy today to attend a potentially acrimonious NATO summit in Brussels.

A row over nuclear arms policy is threatening unity at the 40th anniversary summit, centrepiece of Bush's first European tour as US president.

Bush met Italian leaders and Pope John Paul II during a two-day visit to Italy, the first stop on his European tour.

In Nettuno, Italy, about 30 members of the youth section of Italy's neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI-DN) political

party tried to block Bush's motorcade today as he approached a church where he attended a Memorial Day religious service.

They were protesting the American President's Memorial Day commemoration of war dead in Italy at the site of the World War II Anzio Beachhead, a major action in the campaign that toppled Mussolini's regime and liberated Italy.

At a military cemetery in Nettuno, Bush paid an emotional tribute at the graves of nearly 8,000 American war dead and cited their sacrifices as stern

reminder to the West not to lose its military resolve.

Gazing over thousands of white stone crosses flanked by US and Italian flags, Bush said he was addressing himself to generations of young people in Europe and America who had grown up in an era of peace.

"With no experience of the horror and destruction of war, it may be difficult for them to understand why we need to keep a strong military deterrent to prevent war and to preserve peace and democracy," he told several thousand US and Italian servicemen and civilians.

"The answer is here, among the quiet of the graves." His message was clearly aimed at America's 15 NATO allies.

Western leaders arriving in Brussels today for a NATO summit that was arranged to celebrate 40 years of unity will instead confront a dispute among the allies over the future of nuclear missiles in Europe.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday ruled out a compromise that would put off indefinitely the start of superpower negotiations on reducing stockpiles of short-range nuclear

BRUSSELS, May 28. (Reuters): US President George Bush arrived from Rome today to attend a two-day NATO summit expected to be dominated by a row among the Western allies over short-range nuclear weapons.

missiles. And the United States showed no signs of agreeing to West Germany's demand to begin such talks soon.

After ruling out the compromise, Kohl flew to the Netherlands for discussions with Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers that included the NATO dispute.

The first session begins tomorrow and is likely to focus on the contentious missile that has cast West Germany in the role of alliance renegade.

Bush is expected to propose withdrawing some of the estimated 300,000 US troops stationed in Europe in an effort to appease alliance members, such as West Germany, who are pressing for a response to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's disarmament proposals.

But US officials stressed Saturday that such a move would only be carried out with the approval of the allies.

Bonn has refused to go along with NATO plans to develop a new short-range missile system to replace dozens of ageing European-based Lance rockets.

Kohl has called, instead, for a new round of negotiations to begin eliminating those weapons, most of which are based in West Germany.

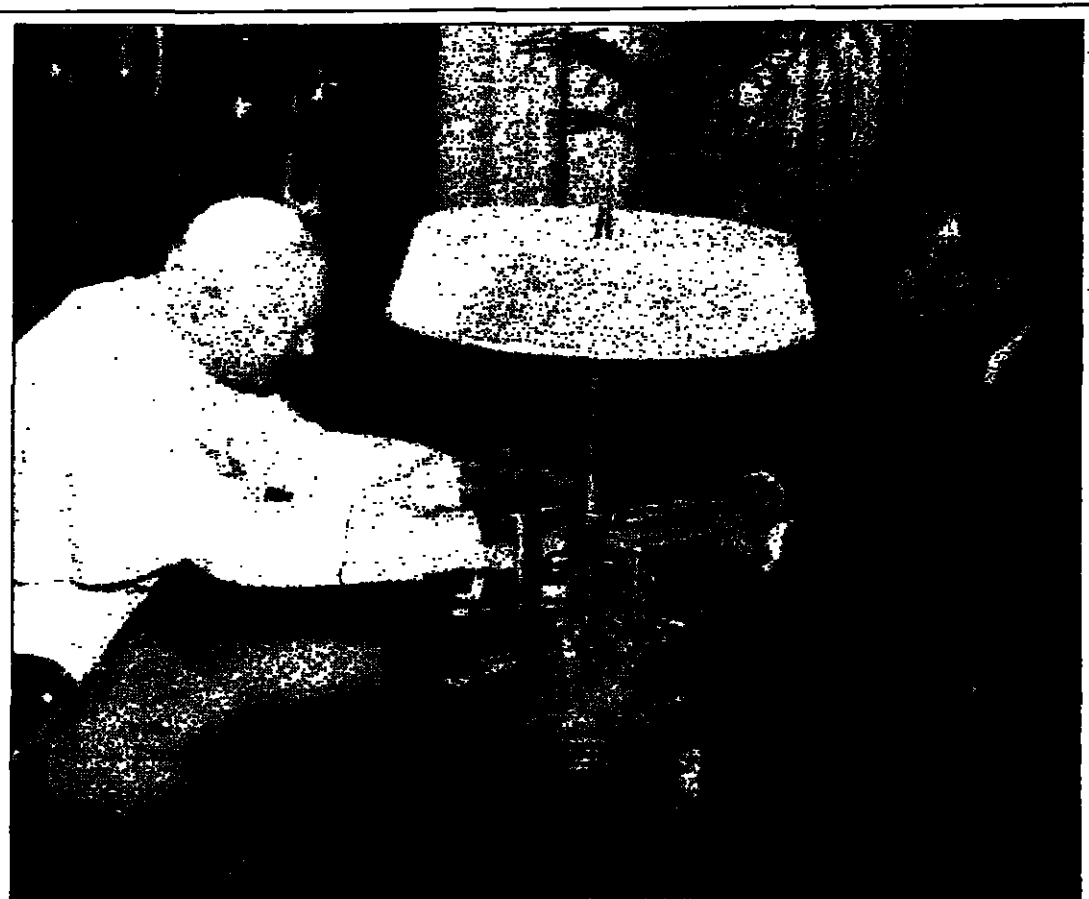
During a visit to the southern German city of Nuremberg on Saturday, Kohl said short-range negotiations "cannot be postponed into the distant future" simply to show a unified face to the NATO summit.

Kohl's junior coalition partners made a veiled threat to pull out of the government if the chancellor agreed to unacceptable compromises during the summit.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher reaffirmed West Germany's uncompromising position on short-range nuclear forces (SNF) today.

In an impassioned speech on the final day of a congress of his Free Democratic Party (FDP), Genscher called on the West to modernise its thinking rather than its nuclear missiles.

"There is much to fear in this world, but one must not fear negotiations aimed at increasing security through disarmament," he told the 400 congress delegates at Cologne's Trade Fair Complex who gave him a two-minute standing ovation.



Pope meeting Bush (right) in Vatican. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US must help others: Pope

VATICAN CITY, May 28. (Reuters): Pope John Paul II told President George Bush yesterday that the American people faced an "immense challenge" to help others at home and abroad and to combat a deep moral crisis in international society.

President Bush, who met the Polish-born pontiff during a two-day visit to Rome, replied by paying warm tribute to the Pope's commitment to freedom and his role in helping to bring the legalisation of the church this month in his own country.

Bush, who had a 55-minute private audience with the pontiff before his 33-member delegation joined

him for an exchange of speeches, also said the United States shared the Pope's concern about the violence in Lebanon and would do everything possible to bring peace there.

The President told American seminarians later the Pope had "inspired us to redouble our efforts for world peace."

The Pope has several times recently expressed concern about the situation in Lebanon and Bush told him: "My heart aches too for the people of that once peaceful land."

## US will challenge East bloc on rights

PARIS, May 28. (Reuters): The United States plans to challenge communist Eastern Europe at a major international conference this week to uphold its human rights promises.

The chief US representative to the human rights conference opening in Paris on Tuesday, Ambassador Morris Abram, has said Washington will make new proposals to strengthen the mechanism for following up human rights pledges.

The proposals, coupled with criticism of some Warsaw Pact states for their alleged failure to keep human rights promises, are likely to form part of President George Bush's efforts to assert US leadership in East-West relations.

The 35 states which signed the 1975 Helsinki Final Act will be represented at the three-week conference, and 19 will be represented at the opening by their foreign ministers, French officials said. All European states except Albania, plus the United States and Canada, are represented in the talks.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, was due to speak but it was not clear at the weekend whether his American counterpart, US Secretary of State James Baker, would attend.

The meeting, mandated by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) in Vienna last January, is the first of three over the next three years on "the human dimension" of the East-West security and detente process.

The second is due to take place in Copenhagen next year and after considerable controversy it was agreed that Moscow would host the final session in 1991.

French and American officials said Western countries planned to focus on alleged human rights abuses by Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Romania.

## Papandreou plays every card he has

Shevardnadze to visit

ATHENS, May 28. (Reuters): From a quickie divorce to a surprise visit by the Soviet foreign minister, Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou is playing every card to revive the fortunes of his scandal-hit socialist government before elections in three weeks.

Since the campaign opened last week he has dealt out one surprise after another to flush out a large block of undecided voters and prove that the opinion polls which gave him a low rating are wrong.

His lawyers have said Papandreou, 70, had finally persuaded his American wife Margaret, 65, to grant him a divorce and the 38-year marriage could be dissolved legally within days.

This would clear the way for a wedding with air hostess Dimitra Liani, 34, just before the June vote. Speculation on a wedding date now dominates gossip columns.

His extramarital affair with Liani, revealed in September, upset many Greeks and Papandreou has sought to legitimise the relationship by treating her as his unofficial first lady.

She is introduced to visiting state leaders, campaigns at his side and flew to a NATO summit in Brussels yesterday, her first official visit to Western Europe.

To back his claim of being one of Western Europe's senior statesmen, he pulled off a diplomatic coup by announcing on Friday that Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze would visit Greece just two weeks before the June 18 elections.

Ostensibly part of an east Mediterranean swing to discuss the militarily-divided island of Cyprus, Shevardnadze is sure to pull in some left-wing voters who have doubts about giving Papandreou a third consecutive term.

Papandreou's popularity has plummeted since last year over his love affair, scandals in the bank and arms industries, and questions about his health after heart surgery in September.

A former director of Greece's Public Telephone Corp., jailed for his alleged involvement in a multi-million dollar scandal, will run for Parliament as a socialist candidate, the party announced yesterday.

Dismantling apartheid

## S.Africa assures

ROME, May 28. (UPI): US Secretary of State James Baker met yesterday with South African Foreign Minister Rieffik Botha and received assurances that Pretoria is "committed to dismantling apartheid," a State Department spokesman said.

Botha told Baker that his government would be campaigning on that basis in the runup to presidential elections in South Africa, said Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs Margaret Tutwiler in a briefing of White House reporters.

"We welcome what we heard from the foreign minister and we hope that the next government will take actions in the spirit reflected by these words," Tutwiler told reporters. She quoted Botha as saying Pretoria was "committed to dismantling apartheid."

Botha declared that the South African government "will say here and at home that the days of white domination are over," Tutwiler said. Baker responded that the US government "strongly believed in the necessity of ending apartheid and in the creation of a representative, non-racial government."

## Mandela ready to negotiate: writer

CAPE TOWN, May 28. (Reuters): Jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela is ready to talk to the South African government, but not without backing from the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), his biographer said in an article published today.

Mandela, an ANC leader when he was jailed in 1962 for sabotage and plotting to overthrow white rule, was moved last year from a top-security prison in Cape Town to a well-appointed prison house with a swimming pool.

Fatima Meer, his friend and official biographer,

visited him for the first time in 17 years and wrote in the Black City Press newspaper that Mandela would be willing to talk to the government without arguing "over small issues of form."

"Being the democrat that he is, he will not enter into negotiations without the backing of his people — foremost the ANC — even if invited to," said Meer, professor of sociology at Durban University.

Political sources have told Reuters that the government is trying to draw Mandela into negotiations about sharing power with black moderates while ruling out a universal franchise.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Italian elections

ROME, May 28. (Reuters): More than one million Italians began voting today in local elections regarded as a barometer of support for political parties after the collapse of Italy's five-party government. The elections today and tomorrow for 165 town councils involve only 1.3 million voters or about three per cent of Italy's 45 million-strong electorate.

### Plane crash

BRISBANE, May 28. (AP): Four people on board a chartered, single-engine airplane died when it crashed into bushland on Fraser Island, off the coast of Queensland state, police said today.

A spokesman for the Maryborough police station, who was not identified, said the pilot and his three passengers died when the plane crashed late yesterday.

### Mafia feud

AGRIGENTO, Sicily, May 28. (Reuters): Three men eating dinner were shot dead in an apparent Mafia feud by gunmen who burst into a house in southern Sicily, police said today.

A fourth man was critically wounded in the attack in a village near the city of Agrigento yesterday. A police spokesman said the four had previous convictions for Mafia crimes and were believed to be victims of a clan feud.

### Soviet spy ships

LOS ANGELES, May 28. (AP): Soviet spy ships are eavesdropping off the United States' Pacific coast about two out of every three days, a sharp increase over the past two years, a newspaper reported yesterday.

In the early and mid-1980s, such Soviet monitoring occurred on fewer than one out of 10 days, said Adm. David E. Jeremiah, commander of the US Pacific fleet.

### Political asylum

TOKYO, May 28. (AP): A 36-year-old Burmese diplomat in Tokyo and his wife have asked for political asylum in Japan, the Kyodo News Service reported today, quoting government sources.

Kyodo said U Htun Wai, an attaché at the Burmese embassy and his wife, Daw Rose Marie Aye, failed to leave for home on Feb 13.

### Blown to pieces

LIMA, May 28. (Reuters): A man forced by Maoist rebels to transport a bomb on his bicycle was blown to pieces when the device exploded, police said yesterday.

They said the incident occurred on Friday as the man was riding towards the main square of Ayacucho, 380 miles (575 km) southeast of Lima. Maoist Shining Path rebels also killed three other people on Friday, they said.

### Allegations

KUALA LUMPUR, May 28. (KUNA): The Malaysian government is to decide whether to sue the British daily "The Observer" which has alleged UMNO, the major component of the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) received kickbacks in an arms deal.

Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba said the cabinet at its weekly meeting here on Wednesday will discuss the issue.

### Bodies found

KUALA LUMPUR, May 28. (AP): The bodies of two men believed to be among 40 illegal Indonesian immigrants whose boat capsized were found floating in the Straits of Malacca today.

Maritime Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre captain Jaafar Lamri told reporters the bodies of the two men, aged between 30 and 35, were found near Pulau (island) Udan, 200 kms (124 miles) southeast of Kuala Lumpur.

### Military spending

WASHINGTON, May 28. (AP): Military spending in Western countries grew faster than their economies as a whole in the first half of the 1980s, according to a study based on US statistics.

It was done by Michael Renner of West Germany for Worldwatch Institute, a Washington body financed by private foundations and United Nations.

### New offensive

SAN SALVADOR, May 28. (UPI): The Salvadoran military killed 102 casualties, including 54 dead, in the past week on leftist rebels, who have launched a new offensive as El Salvador's president-elect prepares to assume power this week.

Early yesterday, the rebels blew up 12 electrical facilities in the capital and attacked National Guard and militia barracks in Jucupapa, 60 miles (95 km) east of San Salvador, as part of their offensive "Everyone Against Arena, Let's Win."

### Duarte hailed

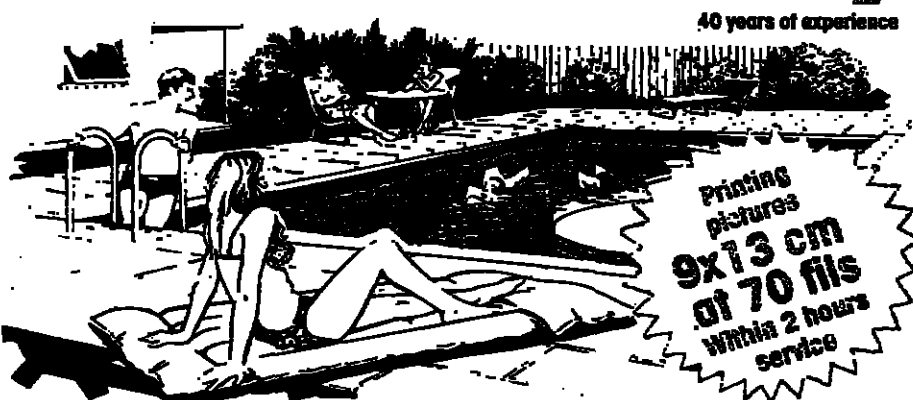
SAN SALVADOR, May 28. (AP): President Jose Napoleon Duarte said yesterday that during his five years as El Salvador's chief executive he never had any disputes with the military.

Duarte, whose five-year term ends Thursday, spoke to military chiefs and cadets at the national military college during a ceremony in which he was awarded the armed forces' highest decoration.

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A tiger stops at a water hole in Ranthambhor Reserve forest in India's Rajasthan state. (Reuter wirephoto)

Following feline footsteps

India counts tigers, finds plenty

NEW DELHI, May 28. (Reuter): The lonely and wary tiger, which conservationists once feared could be dying out, no longer needs to worry about the future.

An Indian government preservation programme has ensured there are plenty of tigers here, perhaps too many.

For a week in April, about 10,000 forestry officials assisted by 100,000 volunteers searched the jungles from the high Himalayas to the plains of central and southern India, tracing tigers' footprints.

Ram Lakhan Singh, director of Project Tiger,

said in an interview it might be weeks before the final count is ready but he reckons there are now about 4,500 tigers in India.

At the last count in 1984 there were only 4,005 in India, twice as many as in the rest of the world.

The officials and volunteers used "Tiger Tracers", a simple device that helps distinguish footprints.

The tens of thousands of pug marks will eventually be handed to experts who will discard the ones that look similar.

"We want to know what the minimum number of tigers is, not the maximum," Singh said.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

CINCINNATI: Powerful currents that collapsed and swallowed a temporary one-lane bridge over the great Miami River prevented authorities from finding any victims or their vehicles Saturday.

The bridge collapsed Friday evening at Miami town, population 700, about seven miles (11 km) from Cincinnati. Dozens of people gathered at the ends of the bridge Saturday, craning their necks to see the missing section.

The American Red Cross said seven people remained unaccounted for, but there was no way to know how many of them might have been on the bridge when it fell into the river Friday evening.

Authorities said efforts to find them could be thwarted for at least several days by the rushing, muddy water.

Officials are uncertain how many vehicles plunged into the river when a 100-foot (30-metre) section of the bridge collapsed. Eyewitness accounts differed, but authorities believed at least two vehicles were on the bridge section when it gave out. The number of passengers aboard was unclear.

"We still have no idea," said Capt. Arthur Reid of the Hamilton County sheriff's department.

The river, a tributary of the Ohio River, jumped its banks Friday following heavy overnight rains that took two lives elsewhere in Ohio and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage in Illinois. (AP)

SEUL: Two farmers, agonized and embarrassed over their failure to find brides, killed themselves in separate incidents, new reports say.

Hong Ching-Dong, 23, set himself on fire and Park Jo-Ho, 32, took farm pesticides. Both had been unable to find brides in separate villages in a province about 80 miles (128 km) southeast of Seoul, the Korea Herald newspaper said Thursday. Both died Monday.

"They were tragic victims of the worsening state of rural life," said an editorial in Thursday's Herald.

Young Koreans, especially women, have flocked to cities in recent years to find jobs in offices and newly developed industries, depriving many rural communities of women of marriage age. (AP)

SYDNEY: Australia's hottest rock star Sting visited Australia's hottest environmental trouble spot after meeting Prime Minister Bob Hawke to promote a campaign to save Amazonian rain forests.

The former singer of the rock group, The Police, went to the Eden rain forests near the Snowy mountains of southern New South Wales to show his support for environmental conservation.

Since February, 550 demonstrators have been arrested at the Eden forests. Shortly after Sting's visit Tuesday, police arrested for trespassing 28 demonstrators who walked into a protected area of the forests.

Sting's visit caps a world tour that has included Britain, the United States and Japan to raise awareness for the vanishing rain forests of Brazil.

Hawke pledged \$187,500 toward the protection of the Amazon rain forests. (AP)

NEW YORK: New Yorkers are used to standing in lines. There are lines for Broadway tickets, lines for movies and even lines for trendy restaurants.

But lines for bread?

Residents formed bread lines on Wednesday to buy loaves of real Russian rye flown in from the Soviet Union.

"We're selling it at a rate of one loaf every two minutes, right now, the line is very long," said Miriam Peake Smith, spokeswoman for Bloomingdale's where 1,100 loaves arrived Tuesday night.

"One person came in and bought 14 loaves," she said. Among the buyers were employees from the Soviet mission to the United Nations.

"The bread is good. It's not a gimmick," Smith said. "But Americans also seem to be fascinated with Russian items." (AP)



Mother and pup

Casey, a 15-pound seal pup was born on Thursday at Sea World of Ohio. Her mother, Tassy, 16 years old, was found beached off coast of Washington state and was rehabilitated in Ohio. (Reuter wirephoto)

BERLIN: West Germany's ZDF television network on Saturdaynight showed film of an ultralight aircraft flying over Berlin and said it was alleged footage of a daring escape from communist East Berlin.

Two ultralight aircraft landed in front of the Reichstag building in West Berlin on Friday, and the two pilots claimed they had used the machines to fly a friend from Berlin's communist eastern sector.

Security officials in West Berlin, meanwhile, said the three men involved in the incident are brothers, but that they could not confirm there had been an escape from East Berlin.

In a news report on Saturday, ZDF showed what it said was film footage taken by one of the pilots during the flight.

The television network pointed out, however, that police have not yet confirmed the ultralight machines were actually used in an escape.

ZDF said it obtained the footage from the Munich-based illustrated magazine Quick.

The film showed one of the ultralights flying over the city and passing by East Berlin's giant communications tower. (AP)

TOKYO: A weekend student festival, a stage for radical debates in the past, was devoted more to merrymaking Sunday than political activism because of student apathy.

Traditionally, the Tokyo University May Festival, a two-day outdoor affair held since 1927, has featured radical arguments and discussions about the hottest political topics.

The Vietnam war, the US military presence in Japan and the merits of the death penalty have all been at the centre of spirited festival debates in past years.

The themes of this year's festival were the scandal-ridden politics that have forced the impending resignation of Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, the emperor system in Japan and the government's controversial tax reforms.

But the topics left the Japanese students uninspired this year, even as their counterparts staged massive demonstrations for democracy in China and against the government in South Korea.

"Although we agreed that we ought to come up with a common policy on these issues, none of us could think of one," student organizer Futoshi Nishino, 22, said in an interview. (AP)

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas: A herd of 15 large African antelopes from international wildlife park should soon increase by more than 50 per cent with the pitter-patter of little hooves.

Terric Gonzalez, a spokeswoman for the drive-through park, said zoo officials were worried about the condition of eight pregnant giraffes that were displaced following a flood at the park. But park officials examined them and said they are doing fine even though they were evacuated from their normal range.

The damage from last week's heavy rain has kept the park closed for more than a week. (AP)

ROME: The Czechoslovak government has barred Milos Hajek, a historian and human rights activist, from attending a convention in Italy on Stalinism, organisers say.

The government said the visa was denied because his participation "would not be in harmony with the interests of the Czechoslovak state," said officials of the Gramsci Institute, which is named after one of the founders of the Italian Communist Party.

Hajek was one of three spokesmen last year for the Charter 77 civil rights group in the communist country. The institute said scholars from the Soviet Union and a number of Eastern European countries are expected to attend the four-day conference in Urbino. (AP)

ANKARA, Turkey: The name of a city park in this capital city was changed from Zia-At-Haq to Zulfikar Ali Bhutto as a gesture to Pakistan Premier Benazir Bhutto who is on an official visit.

Hamza Kirmizi, the mayor of Kecioren district, said the name was changed Thursday "in respect for democracy."

Zia, the former president, overthrew Benazir's father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, in a bloodless coup in 1977 and executed him two years later. Turkey had intervened to try to stop the execution. (AP)

Kamikaze pilot lives to tell his story

Japanese pinned hopes on 'Thunder Gods'

WASHINGTON, May 28. (Reuter): Pilot Hachiro Hosokawa belongs to one of the world's most exclusive clubs as a World War II kamikaze pilot who lived to tell the tale.

Hosokawa, 68, is a proud family man and a Tokyo food company owner with a slight paunch and spectacles who could pass for any Japanese tourist visiting Washington.

In November 1944, he was a young elite warrior, a Japanese navy pilot who volunteered to become one of the original gods in the "Thunder Gods Corps."

By preparing to die, the pilots believed

they might help turn the tide of the war Japan was losing and help their families. Hosokawa said in an interview coinciding with publication of an English version of a Japanese book, "The Thunder Gods".

Japanese leaders and naval officers officers pinned their final victory hopes on kamikaze missions. Kamikaze, meaning divine winds, is the word for power winds said to have driven out invading Mongol hordes in the 1280s.

Hosokawa and his colleagues were the cream of naval pilots chosen to fly a new weapon: A human guided missile called an Ohka — "exploding cherry blossom" —

with a one-way ticket to destruction and death.

The 18-foot flying bombs were ferried toward their targets on the underbelly of slow-moving "betty" bombers and once released there was no return since the missiles exploded on impact.

Hosokawa, then a navy sub-lieutenant, is the only survivor from the original group of 150 topnotch pilots — all bachelors and none an oldest son — who joined Ohka duty. Other kamikaze pilots from later squadrons also survive.

"Because I was an experienced pilot, time and again I often flew zeros on mis-

sions as cover for Ohkas. At the very end there were only two pilots left."

The war ended in August 1945. The Thunder Gods were disbanded. Fearing the surviving pilots would be tried as war criminals, the authorities destroyed all mission records.

How does he feel now about the whole experience?

"Analysing it at that time and looking back now, from a military point of view, one option was to surrender, give up the war. Japan was running out of planes, we were outgunned roughly 10 to one, aeroplane on aeroplane," he said.

Rust home  
Kremlin  
pilot has  
feet on  
ground

WEDEL, West Germany, May 28. (AP): Two years after his flight to Red Square in a single-engine plane shocked the world, triggered a Kremlin shakeup and drew him a Soviet prison sentence, Mathias Rust has interests more down to earth. He rides a horse.

Back at home in this Hamburg suburb, life is nearly back to normal for the West German who thought his stunt would earn him a meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The prison crew cut he sported upon release from Moscow's Lefortovo Prison last August has grown out, as has the grass around his family's brick apartment house after repeated trampling by journalists and curiosity seekers.

But Rust, now 21, has had to change roles from aviator to equestrian, as local authorities refuse to reinstate his pilot's licence.

"I don't like places where there are so many people on so little space," said Rust, seated primly on the tiny dining alcove cluttered with memorabilia of his moments in the limelight.

"That's why I bought my horse, to get away while I'm not able to fly."

The 8-year-old black mare, Torina, is a champion jumper and cost virtually all of what was left after taxes and his legal fees of the nearly 300,000 marks (\$150,000) paid to his family by Stern magazine for the rights to their story.

Distorted

But after an August article that Rust deems "distorted," the relationship with the glossy weekly was broken off.

The West German press labelled Rust, then 19, "the daredevil Kremlin flier." But despite a cocky self-confidence about his abilities as an aviator, he is no adventurer and an unlikely hero.

His political rationale for making the flight has done more to perplex than impress those who initially took his flight as reckless derring-do. "I do not regret the flight because in the end this incident helped to better relations between East and West and to clarify the differences and similarities between our societies," the bespectacled youth contended. "It was my direct goal to speak to Gorbachev, to explain that our people also want better relations. It was impossible at that time in any other way, so I made the flight."

He expresses "disappointment" that Gorbachev never granted him an audience, but harbours a hope of meeting him when he travels to the Soviet Union as a tourist. He cannot get a visa, however, until his four-year sentence expires in September 1991.

Rust was convicted on charges of violating international air safety regulations, illegal entry into the Soviet Union and malicious hooliganism for what the Kremlin claimed was an adventurous stunt. He was released last August on what Soviet authorities said were humanitarian grounds.

He initially faced charges in West Germany, but they were dropped late last year by the Hamburg state prosecutor's office.



Waiters' race

The third annual waiter race starts in Vienna on the Vienna Ringstrasse as waiters from all over Austria carry a bottle of Austrian champagne. The unofficial winning time was 5.27 (Reuter wirephoto)

Only men misunderstand me: Raisa

MOSCOW, May 28. (Reuter): Raisa Gorbachev, dismissing allegations that she has too much influence over her husband, says it is only men who fail to understand her.

Raisa, in a conversation with two American reporters on Friday, shrugged off as a necessary part of free speech remarks by a Ukrainian delegate critical of her during Thursday's opening debates of the new Soviet parliament.

"(It was) a free outpouring of pain," she said,

according to a transcript of the conversation with the reporters received by Reuters yesterday.

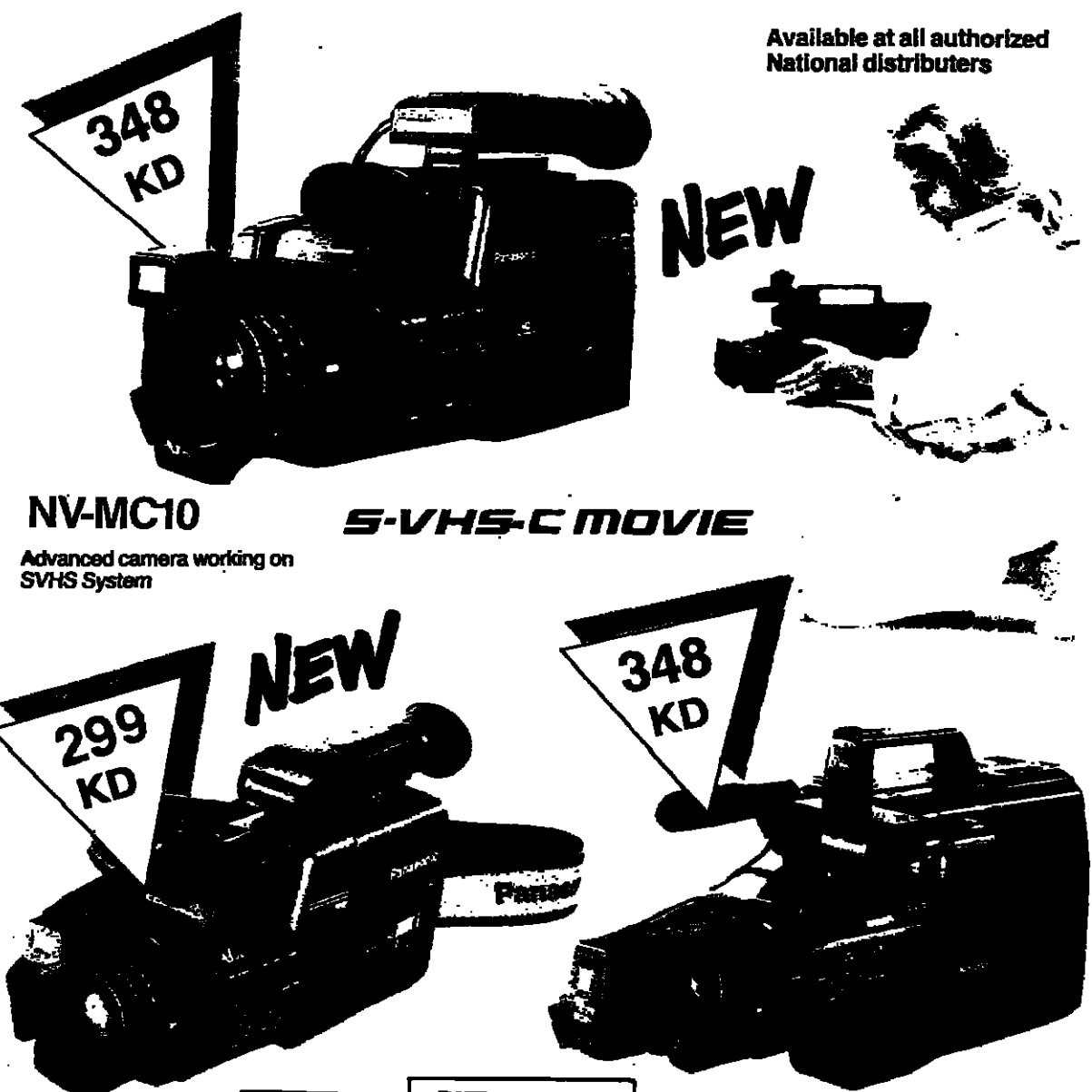
The Ukrainian delegate said in his address to the Congress that, he had received a telegram complaining of Raisa and suggested Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev might not be able to avoid the influence of flattery or that of his wife.

"I know it's only men who say that," she told the two male reporters. "We're ashamed for men. Isn't that right? So write that down."

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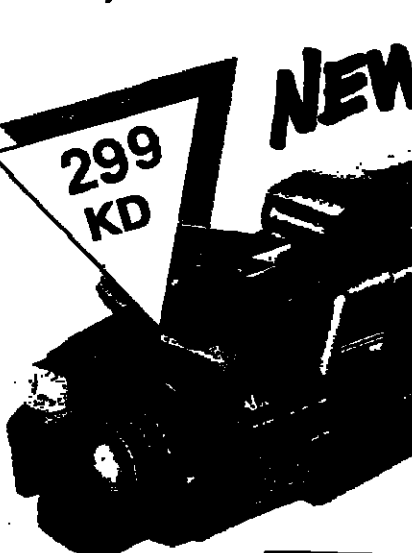
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High PCB level remain in mother's milk

AMSTERDAM, May 28. (Reuter): Breast-feeding Dutch mothers are giving their babies up to 25 times the national legal limit of toxic dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs, government research shows.

Dutch scientists first found these levels in mother's milk some three years ago, and new research has produced no evidence that matters have improved since, said Rob Theelen, a toxicologist at the State Institute for Health and Environment (RIVM).

In the current state of scientific knowledge the positive effects of breastfeeding outweigh the known negative ones, but the research is cause for deep concern, Theelen told Reuters.

The research adds to a mounting body of evidence that polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a group of chemicals used in plastics and packaging as well as in industrial coolants and hydraulic systems, are penetrating the food chain.

Although PCBs have been banned from

manufacture in the United States and most European countries for up to a decade, products containing them are still widely available and in use around the world.

When these are scrapped or reprocessed the PCBs quickly find their way into the food chain.

This could spell disaster, according to Peter Reijnders, a researcher at the Dutch Institute for the Protection of the Environment (RIN).





Comas is pushed into a police car. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mental patient tries to hijack

MIAMI, May 28, (UPI): A Mariel refugee carrying a starter's pistol, two jack knives and scissors tried to hijack an American Airlines jetliner home to Cuba yesterday, but the escaped mental patient was arrested after the plane carrying 157 people landed in Miami nearly out of fuel, the FBI said.

William Gavin, chief of the FBI's Miami office, identified

the lone hijacker as Pedro Rene Comas Banos, 37, who has twice escaped from mental hospitals since coming to this country in the Mariel boatlift May 27, 1980, exactly nine years before the hijacking.

Gavin said the anniversary of his departure from Cuba and a letter he said he received from his son there may have led to the attempted hijacking.

Gavin said earlier reports that Comas had two accomplices aboard the Boeing 727 were unfounded. He said Comas had with him one red carry-on bag that the would-be hijacker said contained a bomb.

The man surrendered peacefully following to hours of negotiations on the ground at the airport, with the plane's passengers clapping as he handed over

the bag to an interpreter. The starter's pistol, two pocket knives and scissors were found inside the bag.

Comas was later charged with air piracy, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison upon conviction, and held without bond at the metropolitan correctional centre pending a hearing Tuesday before a federal magistrate.



Demonstrators hang an effigy of Rushdie.

101 held after clashes

## Demonstrations against Rushdie

LONDON, May 28, (Reuters): Police arrested more than 100 people yesterday when clashes erupted among some 30,000 Muslim demonstrators massed outside Britain's Houses of Parliament to condemn Salman Rushdie's novel The Satanic Verses.

Violence broke out just 200 yards (metres) from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Downing Street residence when rival pro-Iranian and pro-Iraqi factions clashed. A small group of riot police moved into the crowd and made 101 arrests.

Police said 18 officers were injured in scuffles with the crowd and by tin cans and sticks thrown by protesters.

The demonstrators, from all over Britain, marched through the centre of London carrying placards demanding the banning of Rushdie's book, denounced by Islamic leaders as blasphemous.

"Ban this filth" and "No freedom to insult Islam," banners read. More radical placards proclaimed "Death to Rushdie" and "Kill the devil."

Many bore pictures of Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, who called on Muslims in February to kill Rushdie and anyone connected with the publication of the novel.

At Parliament Square, protesters burnt British and US flags and set fire to an effigy of Rushdie hanging from a mock gallows.

Police barred them from the government quarter but a small group was allowed to hand in a petition to Thatcher's residence.

Violence erupted a second time when the procession moved away towards nearby Westminster Bridge and a group of militant protesters broke off in an apparent bid to reach Downing Street.

Police, some with shields and truncheons, were pelted with tin cans and sticks as they chased the group away.

Rushdie, an Indian-born British citizen, has apologised for offending Muslims. But he has refused to recall the best-selling novel and has lived in hiding for the last three months.

Khomeini's attack on the writer caused serious tensions between Tehran and Western capitals earlier this year and prompted a break in relations with London.

Yesterday's demonstration was called by leaders of Britain's 850,000-strong Muslim community to press for the book's banning.

The demonstrators included Keith Vaz, a Muslim and Labour Member of Parliament, who said: "This is a great day for Islam and I believe that this book must be banned."

British Muslims began an international campaign against The Satanic Verses when militants in the northern city of Bradford publicly burned it earlier this year.

### Attack kills two

ANKARA, May 28, (Reuters): Terrorists killed two people and wounded nine in an attack on a coffeehouse in the southern Turkish town of Nisip, close to the Syrian border, the state-run Turkish Radio said yesterday.

Officials told the radio the attackers were members of an illegal organisation but did not name the group. The semi-official Anatolian News Agency said witnesses of last night attack heard the gunmen shout "we shoot in the name of PKK" — the Kurdish Workers Party.

### Deconcini in Cairo

CAIRO, May 28, (Reuters): US Senator Dennis Deconcini arrived in Cairo yesterday to review defence co-operation with Egypt, Washington's main Arab ally.

Deconcini, a Democrat from Arizona who chairs the Senate's Defence Appropriations Committee, held talks with Defence Minister Youssef Sabri Abu Taleh immediately on arrival.

Defence Ministry officials declined comment on the substance of the talks.

Deconcini's visit follows the May 15 annual meetings of the US-Egyptian Military Co-operation Committee, which reviewed several projects including a plan for Egypt to co-produce the M-1A1 battle tank.

### Arab League HQ

ABU DHABI, May 28, (KUNA): Number of Arab states have shown willingness to transfer the Arab League headquarters to Cairo according to the League Charter, press reports said here Sunday.

The daily Al Itihad said that some of the Arab League's organisations will be transferred to Cairo in the future.

In the meantime, Egyptian sources have confirmed that President Hosni Mubarak did not mention the subject of transferring the Arab League during his talks with Arab leaders in Casablanca where the emergency Arab summit was held last week, yet a number of the Arab states have expressed hope that Arab League headquarters would return to Cairo.

### Somalia floods

MOGADISHU, May 28, (Reuters): Floods in southern Somalia have inundated or cut off scores of villages and devastated farmland, the Agriculture Ministry said.

The floods have submerged areas where thousands of Ethiopian refugees are settled and many were being moved to higher ground, a ministry statement said yesterday. Agriculture Minister Bileh Rafe Guleed, who visited the area on Friday, said urgent measures were being taken to control the flooding.

### Demarcation

AMMAN, May 28, (KUNA): Israeli authorities for the first time since 1957 started to demarcate the Arab residential areas in Tel Aviv.

Radio Israel monitored here today quoted Israeli daily Davar as saying that this step aims at confining Arab Palestinians of 1948 into certain areas and controlling their moves after Arab workers joined a number of demonstrations supporting the uprising in the occupied Arab territories.

### Chemical weapons

SHARJAH, May 28, (KUNA): Egyptian State Minister for Military Production Dr Jamal Alsayed Ibrahim has denied Egyptian-Iraqi co-operation in production of chemical and biological weapons or any co-operation in the production of long-range or medium-range missiles.

In an interview with daily Al Khaleej, published here today, Ibrahim said that co-operation between the two countries is confined to providing expertise and co-operation in production of anti-chemical war equipments, establishment of military industries in Iraq and production equipment and final products.

### Shatt Al Arab

NICOSIA, May 28, (Reuters): Bulgaria is to help Iran dredge the Shatt Al Arab waterway which flows between the Islamic republic and its Gulf war foe Iraq at the head of the Gulf.

The Iranian news agency IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said yesterday that an agreement to co-operate in dredging the waterway was concluded in Tehran with a Bulgarian delegation led by Foreign Trade Minister Hristo Hristov.

### Worker leaves

AAQIBIEH, Lebanon, May 28, (AP): West German relief worker Angelika Retika left Lebanon yesterday, the fourth German aid official to leave the country since two of their colleagues were kidnapped.

A spokesman, who cannot be named under standing regulation, said Ms Retika, 60, left the American Humanitarian Organisation's base in Aaqibieh, 6 miles (9 kms) south of the port city of Sidon, in a taxi for Damascus, capital of neighbouring Syria.

He said she was expected to catch an airliner to West Germany today.

### Three burned

BEIRUT, May 28, (Reuters): Three people were burned to death in Muslim West Beirut on Sunday in a blaze sparked by a gas leak, police said.

They said the bakery owner, his son and an employee died before firemen managed to contain the fire.

## Ethnic Turks killed in Bulgaria

ISTANBUL, May 28, (Agencies): Turkey, criticised over its own human rights record, is demanding European condemnation of what it says is a brutal campaign by Bulgaria to assimilate more than a million ethnic Turks.

Nearly 300 ethnic Turks arrived in Istanbul with their families last Friday after being expelled by Bulgaria for resisting the assimilation campaign.

They told reporters that since May 6 up to 30 ethnic Turks had been killed and 200

injured in protest marches which were broken-up by Bulgarian armoured cars, tanks, water cannon and police wielding rifle butts.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz said at the weekend Ankara will try to make Bulgaria a major issue next week at a human rights forum at the East-West Conference on European Security and co-operation in Paris and at the NATO summit in Brussels.

Turks complain that the plight of ethnic

Turks is not given the same attention as European rights campaigns for ethnic Germans, Hungarians or Jews living in Eastern Europe.

The London-based human rights group Amnesty International said Bulgaria in December, 1984, began its assimilation of ethnic Turks by ordering them not to speak Turkish or wear traditional dress and to change their names.

### Protest staged

Defeat of reformer touches off hot debate

MOSCOW, May 28, (Agencies): Communist maverick Boris Yeltsin has failed in his bid to become part of the Supreme Soviet, but some lesser-known but more radical reformers have been elected to the fulltime legislature.

The announcement yesterday that Yeltsin and other reformers from Moscow were defeated in the voting by the Congress of People's Deputies touched off a fierce debate and a street protest. And Yeltsin indicated he might run to be elected as deputy to Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

"This is an insult to the millions who voted for me," Yeltsin told reporters after he came 12th in a battle for 11 seats allocated to the Russian republic in the new Supreme Soviet, a two-tier upper house of parliament with 271 members in each.

When Mikhail Gorbachev was asked about the setback for Yeltsin, he asked: "Tell me, did they manage to accomplish it all at once in Britain or the United States? There is no place where there is complete peace and quiet, and if such a place exists on this earth, you tell me where it is and I'll go and take a look."

"Yeltsin's defeat shows utter contempt of the opinion of the people," said Alexander Kraiko, a Moscow, non-party delegate.

"We have formed a Brezhnev-Stalin Supreme Soviet," Moscow historian Yuri Afanasyev declared. The previous version of the Supreme Soviet was largely a rubber-stamp body.

Afanasyev said the new 542-member Supreme Soviet would be made up of submissive traditionalists instead of lawmakers elected by voters "to drastically change the situation in the country."

Afanasyev's denunciation of the "obedient majority" electrified the hall and brought about one-fifth of the 2,250 members to their feet in a rousing ovation. Others shouted objections or sat silently.

Gorbachev, who appealed for calm as passions rose over the outcome of the vote, suffered a setback when his proposed nomination of politburo member Anatoly Lukyanov as first deputy president of the Supreme Soviet was challenged by liberals.

The Soviet leader, himself elected to the new post of executive president last Thursday, was obliged to adjourn a vote of the post until Monday.

Ales Adamovich, a Byelorussian writer, criticised the Congress for rejecting the reformers. "We are not a modern state that sets an example for others, but an undeveloped super-state which is losing its ability to develop, to transform the mentally crippled administrative child into a normal, social organism, to create a working economy," Adamovich said.

Another deputy said, "This election to us is like wiping out illiteracy." Politburo member Alexander Yakovlev noted: "For the first time there appeared a rostrum of conscience, a rostrum of morals. This is just a start."

"You cannot compare it with the United States or other Western nations because their democracies were formed over centuries," he said.

Gorbachev took Yakovlev's remarks one stage further, adding, "We are yet to master the art of democracy, political culture and the ability to listen to one another."

Several lesser-known, more radical reformers from the Baltics won seats in the full time legislature.

## Man to be charged with Palme murder

Accused has violent past

STOCKHOLM, May 28, (Reuters): Christer Petersson, a 42-year-old Swede with a history of drug abuse and violence, will be charged tomorrow with the 1986 murder of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, a court official said.

Petersson, whose past crimes include the murder of a youth with a bayonet, has been in custody since last December while the prosecution has been preparing its case.

"Barring unforeseen circumstances charges will be laid on Monday," a court spokesman said.

The trial is due to begin one week later on June 5 — more than three years since Palme was shot dead at point blank range as he walked home from a cinema with his wife.

Petersson has consistently denied he is the assassin.

A spokesman for the Stock-

holm district court where Petersson is to stand trial said the panel which would be judging the case would also be presented tomorrow.

The panel will consist of two judges and six lay people who represent Sweden's various political parties.

State prosecutor Anders Helin said last month he had decided in principle to charge Petersson.

But until then there were doubts that police would be able to build a strong enough case to bring him to trial.

Police still acknowledge having only circumstantial evidence against Petersson.

Police say they have witnesses, including Palme's widow Lisbet, who can identify Petersson as the man seen loitering outside the central Stockholm cinema where Palme was shot. But no one saw him with a gun and the murder weapon has not been found.

## Rogers leaves Vincennes without apologies

SAN DIEGO, May 28, (AP): Capt. Will C. Rogers III has ended his two-year command of the USS Vincennes without apology for the cruiser's mistaken destruction of an Iranian airliner and with a call to combat terrorism.

Navy Capt. Robert B. Lynch took over yesterday as the new commander of the Aegis cruiser that Rogers defended as "a masterpiece of American technology and ingenuity," despite past criticisms.

Rogers made no mention of the airliner's destruction on July 3, 1988, instead focusing

on a pipe bomb attack in March that destroyed a van driven by his wife, Sharon, as she went to work. Sharon escaped injury.

The van bombing remains under investigation.

Rogers, speaking to a crowd of about 200 aboard the heavily guarded ship, denounced terrorism, saying it is a "subterranean and shadowy war" that "preys on a lack of courage and enlists those without moral conviction."

The Vincennes was engaged in combat with

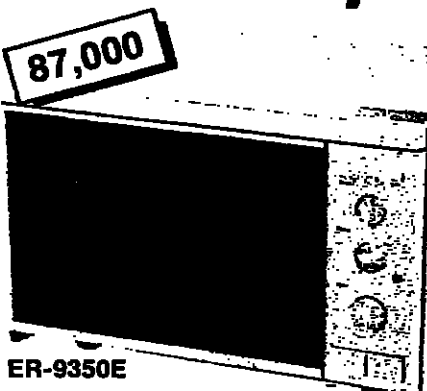
seven Iranian patrol craft in the Gulf when it misidentified the Iranian jetliner as an attacking military aircraft and fired at it. All 290 aboard the jet died.

Rogers, who took command of the Vincennes in April 1987, defended the Aegis electronic combat control system, which enables a ship like the Vincennes to make computer-recommended battle decisions for entire fleets.

But the system was found flawed in the confrontation.

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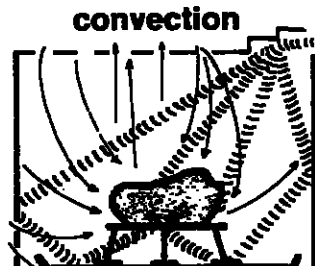
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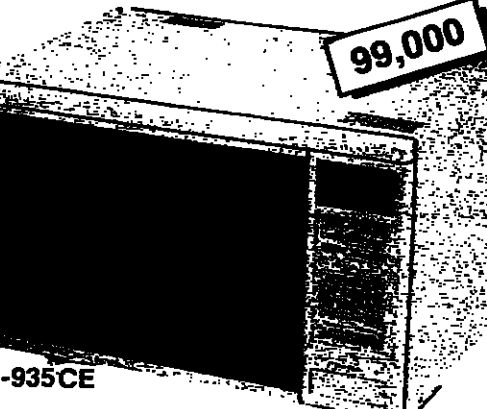
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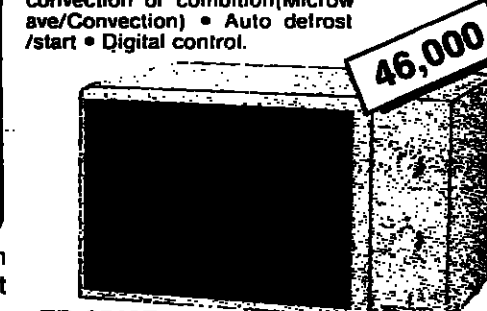
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## Pakistan, Iraq patch up ties

Najib calls for talks

BAGHDAD, May 28. (Agencies) — Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto left Iraq at the end of a two-day visit today saying relations were back on track after difficulties in the past.

The official Iraqi News Agency quoted her as saying: "The misunderstandings in Iraqi-Pakistani relations... have become part of the past."

Relations were cool under Benazir's predecessor, General Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq, who tilted towards Iran in the eight-year Gulf war.

Benazir said she hoped relations would improve further after her talks with President Saddam Hussein yesterday.

Baghdad radio said: "Both sides stressed the need to achieve security and stability in the two neighbouring regions — the Indian subcontinent and the Arabian Gulf on the basis of respect of international law and the principles of the United Nations."

Benazir, who arrived in the Iraqi capital yesterday from Istanbul, Turkey, visited the shrine in Baghdad of Imam (Muslim spiritual leader) Abdul Qader Al Jilani, one of the most revered religious leaders among Pakistan's Sunni Muslims.

Benazir did not shake hands with the Iraqi President or any other Iraqi official during her two-day visit, in accordance with an Islamic tradition that women do not shake hands with men.

But her mother Nusrat Bhutto, recently appointed senior minister in the Pakistani cabinet, did shake hands with Iraqi leaders.

Benazir's action in Iraq were apparently meant to appease strong Islamic fundamentalist trends in Pakistan. Her first overseas visit after her Pakistan People's Party won a convincing victory in Pakistan national elections late last year was to go to Saudi Arabia, where she visited the most sacred Muslim shrines at Makkah and Medina.

Diplomats said Islamabad was in a good position to play a role in moving forward the peace talks between the two neighbours.

Pakistan has already been involved in a series of mediations between Saudi Arabia and Iran, the diplomats said.

Zia was involved in unsuccessful mediation efforts between Tehran and Baghdad during their eight-year-long war. Iran and Iraq suspended hostilities on Aug 20 under a UN-brokered



Benazir visit

ceasefire that is still holding.

While in Istanbul, Benazir called for what she described as the vestiges of Soviet rule to be removed from Afghanistan to allow the formation in Kabul of a non-aligned, broad-based administration.

Afghan President Najibullah, arguing that weapons could not resolve the conflict in Afghanistan, was quoted today as saying that the United States and Pakistan should cease military support for Muslim rebels.

Najibullah told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica in an interview that he expected both countries to change their policies when Benazir visits Washington next month.

He called again for a negotiated settlement to the 10-year-old Afghan war, saying all sides had to respect the United Nations-mediated accords which led to the withdrawal of Soviet forces in February.

Pakistan has repeatedly denied fighting on the rebel side against the forces of the Soviet-backed Afghan government.

Meanwhile, rebels today announced a renewed offensive against the Afghan city of Jalalabad, saying they have captured several military posts and killed or wounded at least 70 troops.

Official Radio Kabul, in a conflicting report monitored in Islamabad, said Afghan forces repulsed a rebel attack and gained new ground around the embattled eastern Afghan city.

Radio Kabul said 55 "enemy elements" were killed and 46 wounded.

Rebel sources, who were not identified, reported their own losses at approximately 10 dead.

## Aoun leads a crusade few others dare to join

BEIRUT, May 28. (Reuters) Major General Michel Aoun, a soldier and political innocent who apparently knows no bounds, now leads a crusade which few others dare to join: challenging Syria in Lebanon.

His drive to force Syrian troops out of Lebanon suffered its most serious political setback when Arab leaders at their summit in Casablanca told him to count them out by dropping proposals to send in an Arab peacekeeping force.

"Aoun is an honest man totally without a politician's guile and is well aware this is his main strength," said one diplomat. "His very honesty, however, also makes him a man of unrealistic extremes."

All this week's Arab summit could deliver for Aoun was to set up yet another committee to work for an end to Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

The Lebanese gave up faith in committees long ago. "One committee follows another... and the mountain is delivered a mouse," commented Beirut's French-language daily L'Orient-Le Jour.

In exchange for Syria's co-operation over the Palestinians and Egypt's return to the Arab League, the summit even deftly killed an earlier committee's proposal to send 300 ceasefire observers to Lebanon.

Its decision wrecked any prospects of even indirect support from a majority of Arab leaders for Aoun's battle against Syria and its estimated 40,000 troops.

Both the Arab League and Aoun, Christian head of a military government competing for power with a Syrian-backed Muslim-led cabinet, knew that his 15,000 mostly Christian soldiers stood no chance of expelling the Syrians by force.

But to send Arab peacekeepers without a request by Damascus would have been an unprecedented blow to Syrian esteem and its claim to have a special relationship with Lebanon.

Aoun's political rival, Sunni Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss, welcomed the formation of the new committee, which was charged with convening Lebanon's Parliament to elect a new president and form a national unity government.

Aoun maintained a stony silence. Many civilians in Christian East Beirut said they believed Syria now had the time and freedom to make the next move.

"It is finished. He is finished. Syria will wait to pick up the pieces," said a lawyer, who, in the prevailing mood of post-summit depression in East Beirut, refused to be identified.

### Suspicion lingers

## Christians fear future

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 28. (AP) Millions of Christians in the Middle East and North Africa, faced with Muslim and Jewish fundamentalism, feel they are treading the lip of a volcano.

"Many believe they have no future in this area," said Gabriel Habib, general-secretary of the Cyprus-based Middle East Council of Churches. "You have a climate of despair and hopelessness... Christians fear the future."

The region has an estimated 12 million to 14 million Christians living among 120 million

Muslims and 4 million Jews.

"As Christians, the biggest challenge we face is the rising militant fundamentalism of Islam and the militant fundamentalism of Judaism of Israel," said Dr George Sabra, assistant professor of theology at the Near East School of Theology in West Beirut.

In many Arab countries, Christians try to keep a low profile to avoid trouble. In Egypt, the head of the Coptic Church, Pope Shenouda III, recently blocked an attempt to form a coptic political party.

"Those who want peace and national unity must mesh with their Muslim brothers. Establishing a Christian party will create negative reactions," he said.

### ANALYSIS

Muslims persecution of Christians dates from the crusades, when they were viewed as allies of the invading Europeans who came to conquer the holy land.

That suspicion lingers. "Fundamentalists ought to understand that pluralism in the Arab world is a necessity of life," said Bishop Eliya Khoury, head of the Anglican Church in Jordan. "If not, believe me, extremism breeds only opposite extremism."

In Lebanon, Christians have been fighting Muslims in a 14-year-old civil war. These Christians, particularly the dominant Maronite Catholics, see their struggle as another chapter in a centuries-old fight for survival against Islam.

The Maronites broke away from the eastern church in the 8th century and held off the Muslim tide from their mountain strongholds. The Maronites, the only Christians to have held political power in the modern Arab world, claim Shiite Muslims want to create an Islamic state in Lebanon, modeled after Iran's.

The Maronites' fight to retain their traditional privileges — the presidency and other centres of power have been reserved for them since independence from France in 1943 — is the taproot of Lebanon's civil war.

"They're the only Christian community with a distinct political history," said Prof. Kamal Salibi, who teaches history at the American University of Beirut. "They fear being overwhelmed... if the system is democratised, they would be outvoted, and they can't carry the day."

Maronite extremism is the starkest Christian reaction to the growth of both Islamic and Jewish fundamentalism in the Middle East. Christians increasingly believe that if they do not assert their own beliefs, they might be subsumed by fundamentalist zeal.

In addition to sharing with everyone else the wars, the economic problems, the great power challenges... Christians are caught between Israel on the one hand and Islam on the other," Habib said.

But Christian leaders fear that an aggressive response could trigger their own destruction. The tension pushes thousands to emigrate. The Maronites, once slightly more than 50 per cent of Lebanon's population, now make up about 30 per cent.

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Mary Saliba, a Christian mother living in predominantly Muslim West Beirut, says she sends her four children to the Christian sector as often as she can.

"I don't want them to end up marrying Muslims," she said. Israel's law guarantees all citizens equal civil rights, but Christian leaders say its identity as a Jewish state effectively marginalised Christians.

The political factor is heightened because most Christians in the Holy Land are Palestinians, whom fundamentalist Jewish groups seek to expel.

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Under Islam, both Christians and Jews are considered harbingers of the true faith and are protected as "members of the book." Official discrimination is rare in the Arab world.

But there is a deep fear "of fundamentalists overthrowing existing regimes and establishing societies based on Sharia," or Islamic law, Habib said.

## Syria keeping up pressure on Aoun

Christian supply lines shelled

BEIRUT, May 28. (Agencies) — Syrian gunners and their Muslim allies stepped up shelling of Christian supply lines near Beirut today after an Arab summit failed to rally round a formula to end 14 years of civil war in Lebanon.

Security sources described the dawn bombardment of coastal areas north of Beirut as the heaviest since May 11, when an Arab League-brokered ceasefire ended 60 days of artillery duels which killed 360 people and wounded 1,200.

Syrian gunners and their militia allies increased the intensity of their shelling to stop small ships ferrying fuel and ammunition to the Christian enclave.

Christian Voice of Lebanon radio said 100 shells hit the area. There were no casualty reports from the bombardment or from sporadic clashes between mainly Christian troops loyal to Lebanese Army commander Michel Aoun and Syrian-backed militiamen east of Beirut.

A nine-week-old land and sea blockade of the Christian enclave has led to severe fuel shortages and forced most factories to shut down.

The Arab League summit, which ended in Casablanca on Friday, called for an end to fighting and asked a heads-of-state committee to work for constitutional changes and presidential elections in Lebanon. Earlier, moderate Arab leaders abandoned efforts to persuade Syria to withdraw some of its troops from Lebanon.

Aoun gave a lukewarm welcome to the compromise formula. "It (the plan) contains everything and we have to wait and see if there is some time to help the willingness and force to implement it," he said.

He added that he was still waiting for action to be taken on a previous set of Arab League proposals.

In what diplomats said was a major setback for Aoun, Syria blocked a drive at the summit by moderate Arab states to send either Arab peacekeepers or

ceasefire monitors to Lebanon. Asked if he could hope to win his war with only 15,000 mainly Christian troops, Aoun said he would have to change his strategy and was asking for foreign help, especially from the United States.

Patriarch Butros Nasrallah Sfeir, spiritual leader of Lebanon's Christian Maronites, criticised the Arab summit for not inviting a Lebanese representative and for failing to take note of the suffering caused by the blockade.

"In spite of all this we hope that the... tripartite committee will lead to positive results," he said in a sermon.

Syria said today the Arab summit had been a victory for its policies, in particular its role in Lebanon.

The official Syria Times described resolutions adopted at the summit as "a new pan-Arab victory" for Syria.

Iraq reiterated its insistence that Syrian troops must be withdrawn from Lebanon.

### US cardinal appeals for peace in Lebanon

BKIRKI, Lebanon, May 28. (Reuters) US Roman Catholic Cardinal John O'Connor, visiting Lebanon despite concern for his safety, has asked to meet kidnapped Americans and appealed for peace in this war-torn country.

The cardinal arrived last evening at the Christian Maronite patriarchate in Bkirk, north of the Lebanese capital Beirut, aboard a Lebanese Army helicopter from Cyprus after talks at the Vatican with Pope John Paul.

"I am extremely happy. I am here to show my support for all the Lebanese peoples," said O'Connor, wearing white robes and flanked by Lebanese Army bodyguards.

O'Connor met with Gen Michel Aoun, the head of the Christian military cabinet, at the presidential palace. After the meeting, O'Connor said he had "a very constructive talk" with Aoun in which he "got to know more about the Lebanese crisis." O'Connor called off a visit to West Beirut.

### Christians in Mideast

NICOSIA, May 28. (AP) The Middle East's Christian churches have fractured into dozens of sects in almost 2,000 years of doctrinal wrangling.

By the Cyprus-based Middle East Council of Churches divides the region's estimated 12 million to 14 million Christians into just five main groups: the Oriental Orthodox, the Eastern Orthodox, the Assyrian Church of the East, Catholics and Protestants.

The Oriental Orthodox churches, founded in Christianity's early years, are independent churches linked to specific nations or ethnic groups.

The Coptic Orthodox Church, believed founded by St Mark in 50 AD, is the largest in the Middle East with about seven million followers, mostly in Egypt.

The Eastern Orthodox churches, also known as Greek Orthodox, are self-governing and differ from the Oriental Orthodox Churches on doctrinal decisions handed down before 800 AD.

The largest is the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, with about 1.3 million followers, mostly in Syria.

The Catholic Church has seven branches. All but the Maronites, the largest Christian sect in Lebanon, broke from branches of the Orthodox churches.

The Maronites count one million members in Lebanon and claim 6.7 million outside the region.

The others range in membership from 30,000 to 300,000 and include the Chaldean Catholic Patriarchate of Babylon, the largest Christian community in Iraq.

The Assyrian Church of the East has long been pilloried by the others, allegedly for following the teachings of Nestorius, an excommunicated 5th century patriarch of Constantinople. The largest group of its 250,000 members is in Baghdad, Iraq.

The Protestant churches were established in the Middle East in the early 19th century by missionaries. They number about 100,000 members.

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## GCC prepares for future challenges



Bishara: objectives

RIYADH, May 28, (KUNA): Secretary-General of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) Abdulla Bishara has asserted that GCC endeavours are based on collective action and common destiny in facing challenges.

Addressing a press conference here yesterday to mark the 8th anniversary of inception of the six-member grouping, he explained that future efforts of the GCC are aimed at three main objectives.

The official detailed these as co-operation among the six GCC countries to integrate the region economically, socially and educationally, maintaining the region's security and stability and preparing the region to face

future challenges of modernisation and advancement.

The conference, reported Sunday by the Saudi Press Agency, was attended by assistant GCC secretaries for political and economic affairs Saif Ben Hashel and Dr Abdulla Al Quaisi respectively.

Bishara welcomed the final communiqué of the Casablanca emergency Arab summit of last week and renewed the GCC member-states commitment to resolutions advancing the Arab cause.

Referring to dialogue with Iran, the official said the exchange is aimed to improve relations on the basis of non-

interference in internal affairs, peaceful co-existence, mutual respect and benefit and realisation on the region's prosperity.

Bishara added that the dialogue with Tehran is hoped to ensure safe and free navigation in international waters, respect of other's rights, legitimacy of all systems, the right of people to choose their own system of government without external interference and non-adoption of trends incompatible with international laws.

Founded on May 25, 1981, the GCC groups the states of Kuwait, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain and the Sultanate of Oman.

## Officialdom will block development

### Human rights endangered

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

THE role of the state in the Arab world is growing and oversized bureaucracies are becoming a major threat to the area's development, and possibly the human rights situation as well, Egyptian economist Hazem El Beblawi has said.

He stressed that modern technology in the hands of Third World bureaucrats can be a dangerous tool which stalls development and nourishes tendencies towards totalitarian rule and violation of human rights.

In the Third World, which he said includes the Gulf region, imported modern technologies have become a factor of suppressing rather than enforcing development, he told the Arab Times before delivering a lecture at an economic gathering in Kuwait.

"Human rights in the Arab world is an open question. In the future we may have greater respect for human rights as a result of world pressures. But given the enormous power of the government we can also go in the other direction," El Beblawi pointed out.

#### Backward

While in the industrialised countries the development of technology, and political and social institutions is compatible, in the Third World the state uses technology to superimpose its will on backward social institutions, explained El Beblawi.

As bureaucrats are gaining power the individual Arab states

are loath to forgo their sovereignty in return for becoming a part of one great Arab nation.

"What is expected now is more co-operation among independent Arab countries as opposed to a one-nation Arab state," El Beblawi pointed out.

He placed much of the blame for slow economic development in the Arab world on the increasing role of bureaucracy which he said is wasteful.

Unlike the other economic agents, which seek to maximise benefits and minimise costs, bureaucracy can transfer the cost it incurred to the public through budget deficits, he explained.

Bureaucracy, said El Beblawi, is subject only to soft budget restraints.

#### Bankrupt

"If other economic agents fail to cover the cost they go bankrupt," he insisted.

Bureaucrats in the Arab world are increasingly being challenged by technocrats who derive their power from knowledge and expertise rather than the status in the political and administrative structure.

The wrangle between bureaucrats and technocrats continues as both groups seek to use the political structure to enhance their role and privileges, said the economist.

El Beblawi who works for the Export Development Bank of Egypt is one of the 20 economists and sociologists attending a conference on the role of the state in economic activity which ends today.



Tradition maintained

Following a time-honoured ritual a bedouin woman patiently teases and spins the wool used for traditional sadu weaving. (Photo by Ahmed Al Burini).

#### Retirement for some

## Decision on top jobs

THE Kuwaiti Cabinet in October will discuss specifics related to future job prospects of officials presently occupying leading posts, a local daily quoted official sources as saying.

A final decision to be arrived at in this respect will determine those officials who will remain at their posts and those that will retire. Several names have been short-listed and most of these officials have served in office for over twenty years, the sources said.

As to the future of those officials who will retire, sources said that their expertise will be used in the form of official board members dealing with the economic, housing and social affairs aspects.

Sources went on to clarify that the recent meetings held between some senior officials and the Civil Service Council had no relation with the developments related to these senior posts. These meetings focused on administrative reforms to be instituted in ministries and governmental institutions.

## Boycott efficient

THE director of the Arab Boycott Office in Bahrain Saeed Al Saeed has denied rumours promoted by the Israeli media that Israeli made goods are being sold in the Arab Gulf region.

In an interview with the Bahrain based daily Al Ayam, Al Saeed said that the enemy's media fabricates these stories to undermine the Arab boycott apparatus which has proved steadfast against the Israeli campaign striving to get round boycott regulations.

He confirmed that no goods of Israeli origin will be entertained in the Arab Gulf countries, stressing that the current regulations and procedures followed by the Israeli Boycott offices are efficient.

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I HAVE been working in Kuwait, in a private firm, since 1982. Now, I'm planning to resign because of better prospects. Can I get a release from my employer? What about my indemnity?

Penia.  
AS you have worked for more than five years; you can get a release. But has your new employer promised to give you a visa? If he has, you can ask for a release from your present employer and submit your resignation. You are entitled to get 7.5 days wages for the first five years of service, and 15 days wages for the following years.

I HAVE a dependent visa No. 22, dated May 1978. If I am selected for a job by a government department, can my visa be transferred without my having to leave the country?

Mrs. A.J.  
If I am in government service and resign, can I change my visa back to my husband's sponsorship, without leaving the country?

MRS A.J., this is not a legal problem. It's an immigration problem. To my knowledge, a person has to leave the country and re-enter on a work permit/dependent visa or vice versa, as the case may be. The transfer can't be done locally.

It's not clear whether you have been selected for a job in public sector or are hoping for selection. Your question is based on hypothesis. If you are selected, then your employer will work out the best way to obtain a visa for you, according to the immigration rules.

IN your column in the Arab Times, dated May 8, I read your remarks on the end of service benefits.

What does the Kuwait law say about payment of indemnity to a person who is voluntarily retiring after 30 years' service? How many months total salary can he expect?

C.P.  
If a person is getting regular annual passage cost of air ticket, in cash, is that taken into consideration as a part of the salary while calculating the indemnity?

YOU do not say whether you are working in the private sector or the government sector. Assuming that you are in the private sector, let me inform you that the maximum total indemnity does not exceed one-and-a-half years, according to the law.

Annual passage come under "transportation" allowance, and is counted as part of the salary and will be taken as such. It will be added to the indemnity, when this is being calculated.

I HAVE been in Kuwait for almost five years. I was sponsored by a Palestinian family, and I worked with them for four years and six months, without any formal agreement. I was not happy with the wages I was paid and told my employer I wanted to look for another job. He agreed. At that time—on Oct 24, 1988, my visa expired and he extended for one month. Before that, I found a new job in a company and they're willing to give me a new visa (NOC). But my former sponsor refused to give me my passport and release. Suddenly, he gave me to a new sponsor, a stranger, who did not pay my wages for three months. I was promised KD 50 a month.

I want to go back to my country. Who is responsible for my ticket — my former sponsor or the new one?

My visa was made two months ago. If I left Kuwait, will the visa be automatically cancelled. Can I return on a new visa? I need help.

Amy Teogalbo  
YOU did not mention your "new sponsor" is. From the address you have given us, it seems you work in a private company. It is also not clear whether you are presently working as a domestic with the "stranger," who you were given to. As we have repeatedly told readers, domestics are not covered by the labour law; and as such, you cannot force your employer to do anything. It would be best for you to ask for your wages and tell them you don't want to work in the country.

Your former sponsor has no right to transfer you to a new employer without your agreement. However, as a passport is a private document (which is being held by your first employer), you can take legal

action to get back your passport, have your residence cancelled. I suggest you take legal action against both the old and the new employer; this way, any delay can be avoided when both are present in the court.

For your information, a person's residence is "automatically" cancelled after staying outside the country for more than six months. When it is cancelled in such a manner, you may face difficulties if and when you enter on a new visa; the immigration authorities won't stamp the residence unless the previous visa has been cancelled.

It is customary for employers to bear the cost of round trip tickets made by domestic workers; such a practice is not stipulated by the law.

I HAVE been in Kuwait from 1985 as a domestic helper. After two years, when my contract ended, my employer renewed my passport for another two years. Two years and seven months later, I went on a vacation and returned to Kuwait in 1988. Since then, I have completed one year service. On May 11, 1989, I'll complete four years of service.

My problem is, I want to go home, but my employers won't let me go because they want me to stay for another year. They are forcing me to stay without increasing my salary.

Am I right to tell them they can't force me to stay for one more year? My contract with my employer was only for two years.

Margarita Estranero

WE have been receiving several letters from domestics. As we have told the others, the domestics are not covered by the labour law. In this situation, if you don't want to stay in Kuwait, no one can force you to stay. The only solution is to talk to your employer, and tell him you really want to return home.

You can take legal action—file a court case against your employer—to get your passport and have your visa cancelled. You'll undoubtedly win the case. In such cases, it is customary in Kuwait, that an employer is not obliged to pay for your air ticket; you'll have to bear the cost of going back.

My advice to you is to talk to your employer, in a kind and friendly way to explain that you are homesick, and would like to go back to your country. "I'm sure he'll understand."

I AM a dressmaker, working with two others in a tailor's shop. I was hired on Nov 7, 1985. After completing two years' service, I went home for a holiday, returning in March 1988. In January 1988, my employer sold the machines to another employer and we were transferred to his shop. The new employer gave us a visa.

Before transferring our visas, it was agreed that he would provide food and accommodation. The working hours would be 8 am to 1 pm and 3 to 10 pm; and a half day off every week. Now, my employer does not stick to the agreement. There is no food and we are told to start early and close late.

You've said that Visa No. 20 (for maids) is not covered by the labour law. In my case, I was hired as a tailor but hold a Visa No. 20. He promised to change my visa to No. 18 but he hasn't done it; I also get a low salary and would like to change my visa, which expires in 1990. Can I change it?

DO you have a written contract? Does it mention that the employer will provide food and accommodation? If it does, your employer must provide food.

Kuwaiti labour law, Article One, categorises people who are not covered by the labour law; Clause (F) excludes owners of small shops which are run by automatic machines, employing less than five workers.

The labour law stipulates that employees must work eight hours per day. As you put in extra hours of work, over and above the eight-hour workday, you must be paid overtime for a maximum of two hours. You are also entitled to get one whole day off per week; it could be a Friday or any other day of the week.

The question of changing the visa must be decided between you and your employer. However, if you are planning to seek a change of job, it is essential to get a release.

AN Indian sailor, a relative of mine, died while on duty in a large accident near Shaiba port nearly 17 months ago. He was buried in Kuwait and the case is being investigated by the Shaiba Police Station; and my embassy was notified. Now, nearly 18 months have elapsed and the case is still under investigation. Embassy sources say the case is pending, awaiting the outcome of the police inquiry. Can I seek the help of an advocate in Kuwait? The sailor's family is depending on me to get a settlement for them.

V.K. Sulaiman

WAS he employed by a Kuwaiti company? From your letter, I get the impression that a crime was committed. Perhaps, the case is pending because the person against whom it has been filed has not been identified. You can file a civil case against the employer, on behalf of the family of the deceased, to obtain blood money in case of accidental death and compensation. I'll give more detailed advice, in person. Please call the Arab Times, tel. 4813566 ext 285 (12 noon to 6 pm) for further details.

By the way, sailors are not covered by the Labour Law, Article One.

MY wife has lived in Kuwait for the last 20 years. About two years ago, she joined a private company, which changed her residence permit from dependent to a working visa. A couple of months ago, she was selected by a government organisation. Is she eligible to transfer her residence? Can her present employer object to the transfer?

Tony

ACCORDING to Article 17 of the new labour rules, you can seek a transfer of residence as long your wife has been in Kuwait for 20 years. But it is essential that the transfer must be made with the knowledge and agreement of the present employer. In case of a refusal, you can seek a transfer, subject to acceptance by the Ministry of Social Affairs. Article 19 of the new labour rules stipulate that "in the event of the employer's rejection (refusal to give release) the Ministry of Social Affairs reserves the right, without referring to the employer, to transfer a labour permit in respect of a labourer to another employer, provided the labourer satisfies conditions stipulated in Article 16".

As your wife has stayed continuously, she is eligible for a transfer. If her present employer refuses to give a release, you can seek the assistance of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour or take legal action.

MY question refers to the new labour law, Article 16, which prohibits the transfer of employment before completing three years in one job. Does this rule apply to a person moving from the private to the public sector and vice versa?

Ahmad  
YES, it does. You have not mentioned how long you've been in Kuwait. If you've been in Kuwait for under 10 years, and your present employment has been for less than three years, then you are not eligible for a transfer. The only way to seek a change in your job would be to get a new visa from the public sector employer; go out of Kuwait, and re-enter the country. However, it is essential to have your previous iqama cancelled.

MY friend has been in Kuwait for the last three years. Last year, he changed his sponsor. The new sponsor gave him a one-year residence, which will expire shortly. Now, the new sponsor does not want to renew his residence. As he is not eligible to get a release under the new rules, will my friend have to leave the country? Are there any other alternatives?

A.A.K  
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ment of children either physically or mentally. He added that the punishment should be commensurate with the fault committed by the child.

He called for concerning efforts for establishing necessary laws to protect children.

The seminar also debated the working paper of Kuwait University which had been presented by Dr Ali Al Tarrah which centred on the social raising of the child particularly prior to primary stage.

Dr Mahmoud Al Bustani for the Road Safety Society has confirmed the importance of the family role towards the provision of a healthy and secure environment for children as well as the educational opportunities, noting that the necessary assistance to parents in this connection must be given.

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# Commerce faculty plans upgraded academic standard

KUWAIT University's Faculty of Commerce will witness a comprehensive transformation in its academic programmes. This transformation is among several alterations incorporated in a fully integrated plan for the establishment of three new colleges in the future, according to a university official.

Speaking to a local daily, Dr. Khaled Al Saad, assistant dean for students affairs at the faculty said that it accepts graduates from the General Authority for Applied Education and Training every year.

Regarding merging of the Commerce

faculty at the university with the Commercial Studies College at the authority, he said that he does not support the idea due to the fact that each of the colleges have differences in objectives.

"The Faculty of Commerce at Kuwait University always seeks to improve the level of students," he said.

Saad added that he cannot comment on the level of graduates of the Commercial Studies College at the General Authority for Applied Education and Training as he did not have any specific information. But, he stressed that the educational level of university graduates

is much better than most people believe.

A study prepared by the College of Commerce at the university concluded that the level of university college graduates is better than graduates from American universities. The economic boost which Kuwait passed through during the early 80's adversely affected the level of graduates due to the fact that professors and students neglected the educational process, Saad said.

"A big improvement has been witnessed in the level of university graduates after the implementation of the new policy of the credit hours system during the past few years," Saad added.

Continuing, the official said that the Faculty of Commerce and the university are hampered in their activities due to a lack of buildings, facilities and utilities which are considered an integral and vital element in the educational process.

Students are forced to transfer between several buildings every day to attend lectures. This is considered a laborious process and time consuming, he added. These shortcomings will directly affect the educational level, Saad said.

He went on to say that the college building has not been changed or improved since its establishment.

Though, some attachments had been undertaken, these are not enough to meet the capacity of students and services, the official added.

Elucidating, Saad said that in 1967, the Faculty of Commerce had only 100 students. Today, there are over 2,100 students. He said that the shortage of foreign reference is an obstacle to post graduate programmes at the college.

Though the university has enough financial resources, a more ideal distribution should be practised with priority being accorded to vital disciplines of education, Saad said.

## KAC gears up for summer rush

### 500 extra flights

THE deputy manager of the commercial department at the Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Sheikh Tahar Mubarak Al Sabah has said that KAC allocated 500 additional flights to meet the summer rush.

He told a local daily that KAC offices were provided with more staff to handle the increase in work pressure, and similar measures were adopted at the airport to co-ordinate and provide passengers with good service.

A joint office for KAC and Saudia has been set up to arrange all additional flights for pilgrims to and from Kuwait.

Security intensification measures have been adopted at all airport accesses to maintain control over the various passenger activities.

An additional 42 special employees were deployed to call

passengers at home to confirm their flights.

He urged passengers to control their children on board with a view to keep aisles free for the movement of the cabin crew and adult passengers.

Concerning the lease of KAC aircraft to other airlines, Sheikh Tahar said that most of these planes will be at the disposal of KAC before the start of the summer rush.

He said that planes leased to Emirates and Egypt Air will be here before the end of this month and only one Boeing 747 will remain with Tunisian Airlines to help them carry pilgrims.

He stressed that this will not affect the KAC flights.

He denied that prices of tickets bought in Kuwait are more expensive than tickets bought outside Kuwait and attributed the difference in prices to the difference in currency rates.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Congratulations

KUWAIT, May 28, (KUNA): HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the President of the Federal Republic of Germany on the occasion of his re-election.

### Argentine officials

THE president of the Argentine Arab Chamber of Commerce, Ing. Felix El-Idd, is due to arrive in Kuwait tomorrow to meet officials of the Foreign and Trade Ministries, the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other businessmen. The purpose of his visit is to promote the first Argentine-Arab exhibition which will be held from September 2 to 17 in Buenos Aires with the backing of the Argentine government.

### Amiri audience

KUWAIT, May 28, (KUNA): HH the Amir received Sunday morning HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah on the occasion of his return to the country after heading Kuwait's delegation to the extraordinary Arab summit conference held recently in Casablanca on behalf of HH the Amir.

### Red Crescent

ABU DHABI, May 27, (KUNA): The third meeting of the Red Crescent societies in the GCC states was opened here Saturday.

Heads of Red Crescent Societies in UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait are attending the meeting.

"The societies' activities and roles in extending urgent aid and help to victims of disasters as well as ways of boosting and promoting them will be tackled."

### Buajan lecture

KUWAIT, May 28, (KUNA): Director of the Arab World at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Abdul Hameed Abdul Razak Al Buajan on Tuesday will deliver a lecture on "Kuwait, the Arab Summit and the Six-man Committee."

### Import warning

THE director of the maintenance department at the Ministry of Communications Waleed Al Bahar has said that importers of telecommunications equipment and devices should abide by the technical specifications established by the ministry for these equipment.

He added that importing devices and equipment that violate specifications of the ministry will affect the telephone service and waste public funds.

## WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with moderate to fresh north-westerly wind which may cause dust. State of sea: Moderate to rough. High water: 7:00 am, 6:00 pm. Low water: 12:00 pm. Sunrise: 5:50 am. Sunset: 6:41 pm. Maximum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 41°C (106°F). Ahmadi: 39°C (102°F). Fadhila: 38°C (100°F). Minimum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 26°C (79°F). Ahmadi: 28°C (82°F). Fadhila: 29°C (84°F). Maximum temperatures expected: Kuwait: 42°C (108°F). Ahmadi: 30°C (86°F). Fadhila: 30°C (86°F). Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 19 per cent.

## Cabinet hails Egypt's return

### Briefing on summer

KUWAIT, May 28, (KUNA): Kuwait Sunday profoundly welcomed Egypt's return to the Arab League and all of its affiliate institutions, wishing all success to the three-state committee formed by the Casablanca summit to remedy the constitutional dilemma in Lebanon, said Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed following today's cabinet meeting.

The committee, which groups Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, was formed last week by the extraordinary Arab summit, held in Morocco.

Rashed noted that the cabinet session, presided over by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, sincerely hoped that the positive stance adopted by Arab leaders would contribute to cementing the unity of Arab ranks.

At the outset of the session, the council of ministers was briefed by Sheikh Saad on the results realised by the Arab summit, which concluded yesterday.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier said that the Palestinian question, the Lebanese ordeal and the latest on the Iraq-Iran peace negotiations topped the summit's priority list.

HH also reported to the cabinet on the brotherly spirit which reigned over the deliberations, and the kind hospitality with which Morocco embraced the gathering, praising the effective role played by King Hassan II during his chairmanship of the meetings.

Later, Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi acquainted his fellow ministers with the outcome of the talks he held last week with his Iraqi counterpart Saman Majeed Faraj.

Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad reported on last week's visit by his Libyan opposite number Rajab Muflih Bu Dabous. Dhari Al Othman, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs and acting Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs briefed the council on his talks with Pakistani Minister of Awqaf and Religious Affairs Khan Bahader Khan, which took place last week.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saud Mohammed Al Osaime explained the outcome of the ministerial meeting of the Co-ordination Bureau for non-aligned states, recently held in Harare in preparation for the 9th NAM summit to be hosted by Yugoslavia next September.

During the NAM meeting, the conferees coined alternative formulas to strengthen the movement's role in realising peace and prosperity in the world and also adopted HH the Amir's historical initiative before the UN General Assembly, concerning the debt problem of Third World nations.

Al Osaime informed the cabinet of his meeting with his British counterpart William Waldegrave during his visit to London, during which they discussed bilateral relations, the situation in the Middle East,

### Rumours denied

## No change in volume of calls to prayer

By Faisal Al Qina

UNDERSECRETARY at the Awqaf Ministry, Mohammad Naser Al Hamdan has denied that instructions have been given to stop the amplification of prayer calls at mosques.

Prayer calls in this country will be sounded loud and clear until Judgement Day, he said and added that rumours to the contrary are intended to arouse anti-religious feelings and opinions.

He said that the closure of certain mosques for the Friday prayers in some urban locations is a requirement to ensure that worshippers went to the largest mosque in the area. This is not only a religious requirement but a necessary measure weather-wise, whereby no prayers will have to be performed under the blazing sun or outside air-conditioned spaces.

He added that the intention is to have as many prayers under one roof which is considered a good religious practice in Islam. He said that the ministry is making considerable contributions to the spread of Islam in all countries of the world, through supporting and sponsoring Islamic projects, and providing material support to Islamic establishments.

He pointed out that the ministry had of late recruited 170 full-time Muslim activists to work for the spread of Islam around the world.

Hamdan said that the ministry had of late published 750,000 copies of the Holy Quran, and distributed them among individuals, societies, ministries and countries of the Islamic world.

The ministry published 300,000 excellent copies of the Quran during 1982-84, at the rate of 100,000 copies each year. There is hardly any public place that the ministry has not provided with copies of the Quran, he said.

He added that 17 volumes of the Islamic Fiqh Encyclopaedia had already been published and that the 18, 19 and 20 volumes were currently under preparation pending release at the end of the year. He pointed out that the ministry co-ordinated the work of various Islamic centres and societies to prevent functional duplication.



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A fruit and vegetables salesman displays his wares to customers who have a keen eye for a bargain. His trade remains largely unchanged despite the increase of modern supermarkets. (Photo by Ahmed Al Burini)

## World Child Day celebrations

THE Working Woman's Committee at the Kuwait Trade Federation is completing celebrations to mark the World Child Day on Tuesday, a local daily reported.

The deputy chairman of the committee Mariam Idris was quoted as saying that the committee celebrates this occasion yearly in view of its conviction of the importance of childhood protection and

the creation of an enlightened generation working towards the development of the country.

She added that the committee through its previous celebrations had highlighted the negative effects of maldes in the upbringing of children to avoid such effects, the committee had suggested the establishing of a model kindergarten for children of working mothers. Unfortunately the suggestions has not been implemented the official said.

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### Surplus channeled

## GCC power link could provide many benefits

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Power Relay Stations, Water Desalination and Electrical Networks Projects at the Ministry of Electricity of Water (MEW) Hmoud Saleh Al Inzi has said that Kuwait has a surplus in power production, and that consultants have been assigned to perform a feasibility study for the electrical inter-linkage of the GCC states.

He said that a committee comprising members from the GCC states would hold a meeting on Wednesday to discuss recommendations made on the project by the consultants who toured the GCC countries to collect technical data.

He added that the project upon completion would result in

more power consumption flexibility, a greater power stand-by supply and effective power economisation.

Total power production capacity of the six major power plants in the country was 7,208 megawatts, and that the largest share of produced power was consumed during the summer by airconditioning equipment.

Expected power consumption this summer is 4,200 megawatts. The ministry is currently preparing to invite tenders for the construction of new power plants, electrical transmission line and sub-stations in order to provide newly constructed areas with power, the official said.



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## Christians beat Syrian blockade

MOST nights, a dozen small cargo ships run the gauntlet of shellfire. Others dart in during daylight, often as shells and rockets explode around them.

Their mission: to slip into ports along Lebanon's Mediterranean coast, delivering food and ammunition to Christians besieged by Syria and its Muslim allies.

Their cargoes have become the lifeline for the estimated one million Christians trapped in their enclave north of Beirut.

"This is why there are no serious shortages," said a police spokesman who cannot be identified under standing regulations.

"The ships bring in vegetables, canned fruit and cattle as well as ammunition."

Not all the cargoes brought in contain essentials. An East Beirut businessman said one company recently received 11 containers of whiskey.

The police spokesman said at least 12 ships a day make it through the Syrian blockade, mainly to Jounieh, a port 12 miles (20 kilometres) north of Beirut, and the ancient port of Byblos, 10 miles (16 kilometres) further north, and smaller harbours in between.

Christian sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said two or three ships out of every 15 that sneak in carry weapons and ammunition shipped from Iraq, Syria's main Arab rival and the Christians' only Middle Eastern ally.

The Syrians have been blockading Christian ports since March 8, when fierce artillery battles with Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun's forces erupted over his attempt to blockade ports run by Muslim militias.

Defying a May 11 ceasefire called by the Arab League, the Syrians shell the Christians' coastal strip daily, trying to prevent supplies from reaching Aoun's forces.

In recent days, the Syrians also have deployed Navy gunboats, trying to tighten the blockade. Some ships have been turned back.

Yet some Christians believe the Syrians are not tightening the noose as hard as they might.

"With the firepower the Syrians have, they could be doing a lot more," one source commented. "We don't know why there is this restraint, except possibly because they're not yet prepared to go all the way."

Still, some blockade runners don't make it through. Boutros Sassine, 23, was a crewman aboard the 1,000-ton Lebanese freighter Paula when it took several direct hits May 18 as it approached Qaibe, five miles (eight kilometres) north of Jounieh, with a cargo of food from the Cypriot port of Limassol.

He was wounded in the head when a Syrian 130mm shell hit the ship's mast. Three other crewmen also were wounded.

Lying in St. George's Hospital in East Beirut, his head bandaged, Boutros said: "It was 9 in the morning and we were about five miles (eight kilometres) off Qaibe when the shells started falling all around us. Some of them were hitting only a few feet away, sending cascades of water over us. Then we were hit."

**Route** "I saw my brother Boulos and the others fall. I radioed the Navy for help. The shells kept falling and the Navy didn't come," he said.

"A fishing boat which was in the vicinity came through the shelling and took us ashore."

The danger zone is about six miles (9.5 kilometres) off the coast. For the people of Jounieh and Byblos, Syrian shellfire directed at the ships has become part of their daily routine.

The shelling often signals that another blockade runner is coming in. Knobs of people stand on the shore and cheer the ship as it zigzags at full speed, dodging the shells.

A Christian source said that most of the captains of the blockade-running ships, many of them ageing rustbuckets, come from the Qaibe area.

"Their agency pays them about \$5,000 a trip," he said. "The seamen who used to earn \$200 a month now get \$200 a trip, which usually lasts between 24 and 48 hours."

The ships travel mainly between the Christian enclave and Cyprus, 100 miles (160 kilometres) to the northeast. But Christian sources reported that some also pick up cargoes of fruit and vegetables from the southern ports of Sidon and Tyre, both run by Muslim militias.

A police spokesman in Sidon said merchants charter boats to take produce to the Christian enclave.

"They don't want to waste their produce," he said. "They're ready to sell to the devil."

The Shiite Muslim Amal militia, which controls Tyre, tried to stop merchants from sending goods to Christian East Beirut.

But sources said the businessmen, who pay hefty fees to Amal, told the militia they would only stop if it bought up all their produce.

The blockade-running traffic also is not all one-way.

Some 15,000 Christians have fled the enclave aboard ferries from Cyprus that anchor offshore. Passengers have to take a nerve-jangling ride in small boats in darkness, often under shellfire, to reach the ships.

Hundreds more have evacuated aboard a Norwegian hovercraft, the Santa Maria, which slips into Jounieh, or the other ports, some nights.

After picking up passengers, the hovercraft, blacked out to evade Syrian spotters, uses its 47-knot (54 mile or 86 kilometre per hour) speed to outrun the Syrian artillery.

Christian business sources reported that some companies, displaying the resilience that has kept the Lebanese going through 14 years of civil war, are still exporting goods from the enclave. (AP — Lebanon)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1453 — Constantinople, capital of Byzantine empire, is captured by Turks — some historians list date as end of Middle Ages.

1660 — George Rakoczy, prince of Transylvania, dies in battle with Turks.

1692 — British fleet defeats French Navy at La Hogue, ending attempted invasion of England.

1765 — Peter II, grandson of Peter I and son of Alexis, becomes Tsar of Russia.

1807 — Turkey's Sultan Selim III is deposed by Mustafa IV.

1923 — Palestine constitution is suspended by British.

1943 — Americans defeat Japanese in battle of Attu in Aleutian Islands in World War II.

1947 — Constituent assembly in India outlaws "untouchability."

1953 — Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norkay of Nepal become first climbers to reach top of Mount Everest, world's highest mountain.

1954 — Thailand complains in United Nations that communists in Indochina threaten her security.

1966 — Buddhist nun burns herself to death outside Pagoda in south Vietnamese city of Hue in protest against country's military government.

1972 — US President Richard Nixon and Soviet Communist Party secretary Leonid Brezhnev sign declaration pledging era of peaceful co-existence between United States and Soviet Union.

1978 — China's Foreign Minister Huang Hua charges at United Nations that Soviet Union is the most dangerous source of new world war.

1984 — Sikh terrorists kill seven people in new wave of hit-and-run attacks in India's troubled Punjab state.

1985 — Thirty-eight people are killed and 375 others injured at a Brussels stadium in riots before a European Cup soccer match.

1988 — Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev engages US President Ronald Reagan in lighthearted battle of Russian proverbs in reunion of superpower leaders.

Bush welcomes Gorbachev's disarmament proposals

## 'Drugstore cowboy' gets a second hearing

By Christopher Hanson

ARMS control experts say the Bush administration now appears to be belatedly acknowledging that an historic opportunity is at hand to end the military face-off that has divided Europe for 40 years.

Last week the White House was still dismissing arms initiatives of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as public relations ploys and deriding Gorbachev himself as a 'drugstore cowboy' — a colloquial term for a phony.

But on Wednesday, in a major change in tone, President George Bush warmly welcomed Gorbachev's proposals for slashing troop, tank and artillery numbers, saying: "Through negotiations, we can now transform the military landscape of Europe."

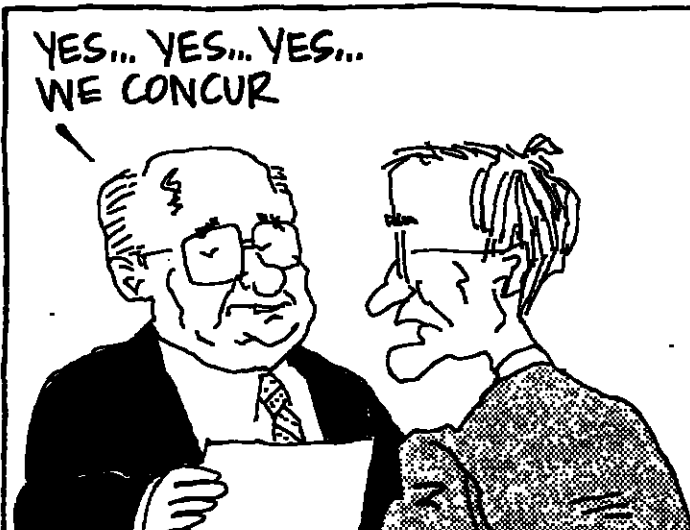
"The Soviets are now being forthcoming and we hope to achieve the reductions that we seek," Bush declared in a commencement address at the US Coast Guard Academy.

US officials and private arms control analysts say Bush's sudden shift was evidently due to two things — a major arms control bargaining concession by Moscow and a belated realisation at the White House that negative US comments on Gorbachev could be backfiring.

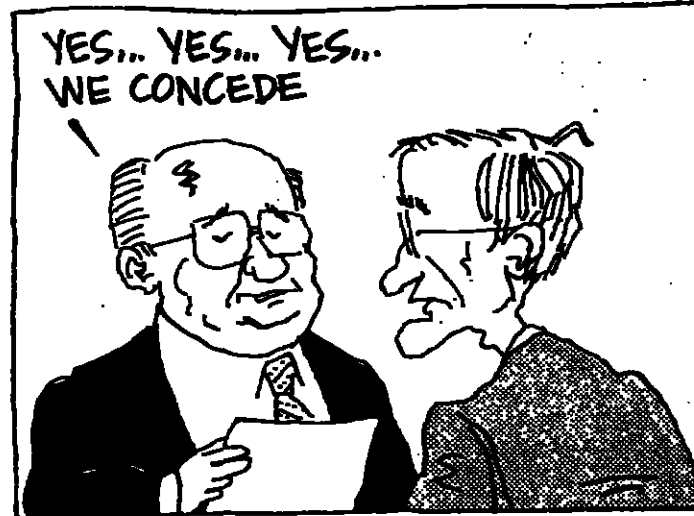
The Soviet concession came last Tuesday in Vienna talks on conventional forces in Europe (CFE).

Moscow agreed to limit key categories of weapons that it or any other single nation in the Warsaw Pact and NATO could possess to 14,000 tanks, 17,000 artillery pieces and 18,000 combat vehicles per nation.

Washington and its NATO allies had been pressing for such a limitation and Moscow, generally seen as having a big advan-



tage in conventional forces, had been resisting. Now it was close to accepting the proposed NATO ceilings of 12,000 tanks, 10,000 artillery pieces and 16,800 armoured vehicles per country. Overall, Moscow is proposing



said the concession meant the Warsaw Pact was "in spitting distance of NATO's positions — they're saying let's go for it." Former US arms control and disarmament agency assistant director Barry Blechman said the

It appeared, the analysts said, that Bush had concluded something that many in Western Europe have been saying for over two years — Gorbachev is offering an historic opportunity to end East-West confrontation in Europe.

A second reason for Bush's shift in tone had to do with diplomatic signals, the analysts said.

White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft said Bush wanted to send a positive signal to Moscow.

"The President felt he appeared too negative before, so he's trying to appear more positive now," Scowcroft said.

Private analysts said another likely aim was to mollify restive NATO allies who have not been happy with Washington's tepid reaction to Gorbachev's initiatives, including an announced unilateral reduction of 10,000 tanks and 300,000 troops from Warsaw Pact front lines.

Mendelsohn said it was inevitable that Bush would begin making more positive noises about Gorbachev. The Soviet leader had stolen the limelight in Western Europe, and Bush's foreign policy team was trying to reassert US leadership.

"They're like fish," he said of the Bush team. "They learn — but slowly."

He said Bush's team had been late in grasping the extent to which Gorbachev was dominating the stage in Western Europe and the extent to which Moscow's proposals were an opportunity to bring down the curtain on the cold war.

The analysts said swift progress in the Vienna talks could help heal a NATO rift over Short-Range Nuclear forces (SNF).

(Reuter — Washington)

## Summit fails to dispel divisions in Arab world

By Michael Goldsmith

LAST week's summit conference marked the return of Egypt to the Arab fold, but also underscored the sharp rivalries that threaten to derail the Arab world from its common purpose.

Despite four days of marathon meetings, the Arab summit failed to break down Syrian leader Hafez Assad's intransigence, allowing him to keep his estimated 40,000 troops in Lebanon.

The attending nations even failed to follow through on an earlier decision of its foreign ministers to send a ceasefire monitoring force into Lebanon.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz reported a "gentleman's agreement" on a Syrian withdrawal, but there was no sign it would be honoured.

Syrian gunners have been firing at Lebanon's besieged Christian enclave daily since May 11, when the Arab League called its fifth ceasefire since the new fighting erupted in 1983.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had been expected to display without delay the same domination of the feuding

Arabs that was once shown by the late Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The moderate majority of Arab leaders had long pleaded for Egypt to be invited back, 10 years after Cairo was suspended from the League for signing the Camp David peace treaty with Israel.

When an overwhelming majority of the Arab states had restored their own bilateral diplomatic relations with Egypt, the exclusion of Egypt became an outdated absurdity.

Only two Arab leaders insisted on maintaining the League's anti-Egyptian posture, Libya's Muammar Khaddafi and Syria's Assad.

"A summit is not necessary at this time," Khaddafi told reporters at the start of the week. "No urgent problem calls for it and the divisions among the Arabs are too great to be overcome by it."

He had even threatened to boycott the meeting.

Following strenuous efforts by other leaders, Khaddafi allowed himself to be persuaded to come to Casablanca. He was visibly pleased to become reconciled

with Egypt, and even to be seen shaking hands with Mubarak, after Algeria's Chadli Benjedid had brought them together in a three-hour private meeting.

In return, Khaddafi was welcomed back to the Arab family that had almost excluded him for his maverick postures. He was at one time far more isolated from the Arabs than his opponent Mubarak had ever been.

"I have never been far away from you," Mubarak said in taking his seat at the summit.

Assad similarly acquiesced in seeing Egypt's reinstatement, because he felt the other Arab states would then owe him a favour in return.

That favour was to let Syria take care of Lebanon. The Syrian "peacekeeping force" is in Lebanon under a 13-year-old mandate from the Arab League, and Assad was determined to have his forces' presence confirmed by the summit.

But that did not take into account Iraq's Saddam Hussein, who has a long score to settle with Assad. Hussein supported Egypt in all its policies, and he

accused Assad of maintaining friendly relations with Iran throughout the Iraq-Iran war and of introducing Iranian forces into Lebanon.

The Syrian-Iraqi confrontation was predicted on all sides. It should have been obvious to Morocco's King Hassan II that it would intrude on his summit at this time.

As it happened, the summit went two days beyond its deadline and lasted longer than any of its predecessors in the 44-year-old Arab League.

At one point, Hassan warned that the summit was close to collapse. The chiefs of state spent a total of more than 22 hours in tense debate.

It was all due to a basic misunderstanding: Saddam Hussein thought he would finally get the Arab leaders to act against the Syrian encroachments of Lebanese sovereignty. Hafez Assad thought he had an Arab commitment to do no such thing.

The result: resolutions that were adopted and promptly disavowed, Syrian and Iraqi officials who contradicted each

other publicly and summit papers leaked to the press as weapons in the confrontation.

Summit sources said it was a sad spectacle of Arab disunity and a lesson that the Arab summit conferences need to be very carefully planned before being convened.

But Moroccan media were full of praise for Hassan's "wisdom and clear-sightedness" and left no doubt the summit was urgently necessary at this time.

Despite the summit euphoria, the right-wing Istiqlal Party's newspaper opinion commented: "The difference between Iraq and Syria is a false note which sticks in the throat. We have not resolved their quarrel despite the intervention of several influential leaders."

It remains to be seen whether the Moroccan monarch, named chairman of two committees set up to pursue the League's efforts on Lebanon and Palestine, can maintain the common purpose of the Arab states.

(AP Casablanca)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Atrocities in Bulgaria

SIR: The following is a statement by the Turkish minister of foreign affairs, made on May 23, on the recent events in Bulgaria.

"The reports reaching us from Bulgaria are causing great concern. We are following the developments closely and with deep sorrow."

Even if we were to discard all others and to consider solely the reports of the international press, it is clear that the Bulgarian authorities are reacting with ever more repression and brutality to the ethnic Turks who, in a peaceful manner, seek only the termination of the inhuman coercion to which they have been subjected since 1984 and the restoration of their minority rights recognized and safeguarded by agreements.

It is clear that at the threshold of the 21st century, the Bulgarian authorities are severely penalising people for their courage to voice their innocent requests and their determination to reserve their human dignity.

It is also clear that there have been many deaths and casualties during the incidents.

These developments indicate unequivocally how Bulgaria tramples on not only minority rights but also the right to life which is the most elementary human right.

We wish to expect that Bulgaria will realise, without further delay, that this colossal human rights issue, created by her obsession with re-writing history in a way as to suit her purposes, could only be resolved through approaches marked by respect for human rights and common sense, and not through recourse to more brutality.

As I have declared at every opportunity, it is out of the question for us in Turkey to cease pursuing this issue. In fact, in the framework of the ongoing repression to which our kinsmen in Bulgaria are being subjected we will raise the latest developments in detail and insistently at the Paris meeting on the human dimension of the CSCE, scheduled to start on May 30.

I would like to take this opportunity to stress one more point: the latest developments in Bulgaria provide an opportunity and constitute a test for all countries and institutions, which claim to cherish human rights and to attach importance to the protection of human rights without prejudice or falling into the inconsistency of applying double-standards, to demonstrate their sincerity."

Embassy of Turkey.

### Give us more entertainment

THE musical evening staged at the IAC on 27/4/89 was boring and lifeless, because it lacked true artists and singers who are talented.

It was a pity that after so much of publicity, the organisers started it with a bang, only to end up in a whimper past midnight.

They could have placed some robots on the stage who would have done a better job. After all one cannot make a horse out of donkey! True talent is a gift from God, and nobody can steal it.

The only time we really enjoyed a variety programme at the IAC was a show in Oct '89 entitled 'East meets West' when a lone graceful female vocalist named Miss Susan Rego, with a handful of musicians and a few supporting youngsters around her, thrilled her audience, whether they hailed from the south, north, east or west of

India, or from Europe, America or Japan. That was something worth talking about. Why can't the IAC arrange to put up other lively shows rather than the present dead ones? We want to live.

Haripal Singh, Salsat.

Correspondence on this subject is now closed — editor.

### Faulty judgement

SIR: I spent a month in Kuwait on a visit visa. During my stay I had an excellent opportunity to witness two grand shows — "India Day" & "a one-act drama competition" involving all non-resident Indians.

My heartfelt congratulations to every member of the organising committee of the "Indian Art Circle" for conducting such a wonderful & successful show, which brought expatriate Indians of all communities & states under one umbrella, possibly for the first time in Kuwait. Being a dramatist I cannot help but make the following observation about the drama competition.

I witnessed all 12 one-act dramas with keen interest and also attended the "Award" ceremony. The selection of *Sadgati* staged by local Bengalees as the best play in all respects does not give rise to any doubts on the quality of judgement except for one "big flaw" (with due respect to the honourable judges). I must mention that the major contributor of *Sadgati*'s overwhelming success lies in the realistic characterisation of a character called Dukhia and how in their judgement on this never showed up.

In India, I have seen TV feature films based on this same story directed by the world famous film personality Mr Satyajit Ray. The role of Dukhia was performed even better on stage than on film. In my opinion, the selection

of Dukhia as the best actor takes precedence over the selection of *Sadgati* as the best play. Had I been a resident of Kuwait I would have appealed to the jury committees for leaving such decisions merely to some mathematical figures.

My heartfelt sympathy to Dukhia for unscrupulously getting killed twice — once on the stage by the religious pandit and the second time outside the stage by drama pandits.

A visitor from South India.

### Burning issue

SIR: In your newspaper dated May 20, you published an article with photo about a Pakistani accident victim whose parents donated his kidneys to the jury committees for leaving such decisions merely to some mathematical figures.

I and my large circle of Hindu friends here in Kuwait are also thinking of doing same in the event of our death to save the lives of our fellow Muslim brothers. For the last two years the Kuwaiti Municipal authorities have forbidden the cremation of Hindus. This has caused a lot of unnecessary and very serious trouble to Hindu families who are forced to fly the dead bodies of their loved ones to India just in order to cremate them. This is a very expensive affair and a very undesirable experience.

This is a serious issue and I trust the higher authorities in Kuwait will step in by allowing them to be cremated in Kuwait.

This denial of cremation has already stopped me and many of my friends from donating human organs, especially the kidneys which are badly needed in Kuwait. Hindu kidneys can save many Muslim lives as well. When a person donates his kidneys, he does not ask whether it is for a Muslim or for a Hindu. He donates them to save the lives of human beings regardless of their religion.

Unless cremation is allowed in Kuwait, it is very difficult for us to donate any human organs.

Sushila Palekar and friends, Salsat.

### Welcome back, Egypt

SIR: In a statement by a top-level Japanese Foreign Ministry official, the Japanese government welcomed the return of Egypt to the Arab League. The statement said that Japan welcomed the decision on the return of Egypt to the Arab League in view of its weight in the Middle East and also the existing friendly and close relation between Japan and Egypt.

Japan has been supporting the moderate position of Egypt on the Middle East peace problem and other issues and it hopes that the return of Egypt to the League, which takes the moderate and realistic position on the Middle East peace question and has historically had an influential role in the political, economic and cultural fields in the region, will give positive effects to the promotion of the Middle East peace process and will contribute to securing the stable development of the whole Middle East.

Embassy of Japan, Kuwait.

### Smoking hazard

SIR: Are there no limits as to where the cigarette companies will stoop to persuade us to smoke?

Last Thursday, at a supermarket facing the Salmiya sea front, two charming young ladies were inviting customers (including teen-age boys) to try their new brands of cigarettes — and all this near a counter where fresh food was being sold.

Apart from the health and hygiene aspects, this also constituted a grave safety risk as there were no ashtrays available. I myself had to stub out a cigarette thrown on the floor by a careless smoker.

I hope the authorities will please take note.

Omar Khan, Salmiya.

### Geographical error

SIR: The letter entitled poor projection of India by Jayanthi Bhal Chagga was worth reading, as I, too, witnessed the same mockery made of the Art & Culture of India, by a handful of Indian individuals led by one Dr N.V. Doraiswamy & Vijay Sharma & Party.

The worst was when the compare fed false information to the paying Indian & foreign public alike by placing Goa at the southern tip of India. Next time I wouldn't be surprised if he, due to his ignorance, places New Delhi in Assam.

Vishwanath Nayak.

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Exhausted students try to get some sleep. The numbers of students are down to less than 10,000 as the protest enters the eighth day of martial law. The hardliners headed by Li Peng appear to have won a government power struggle. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Students to stay in Beijing till June 20

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out of sight. In Shanghai, about 100,000 students, workers and supporters jammed the centre of China's largest city, demanding Li's dismissal and an end to martial law in Beijing.

Witnesses said between 20,000 and 30,000 people marched in the central city of Wuhan.

Half a million residents of Hong Kong, the British colony due to return to Chinese sovereignty in 1997, marched through the streets to show their support for the Beijing students.

Some Beijing students said they were confused and afraid of a total victory for hardliners in the government.

"We must think of something new to get the workers to come out again," said a despondent student from Qinghua University.

But workers in the capital said they now did not dare to show open support for the students. Throughout China they have been warned to keep away from student protests.

"The students are brave, but no work unit would dare to come out now," said a factory worker in his 40s as he watched the marchers pass through the main streets of the capital.

"We have families, we have jobs. Students don't. We have to consider these things. Now that the Army has come, we have a bit of fear," he said.

Students said that without worker support their six-week-old movement had little hope of continuing.

An official of China's top judicial body, the Supreme People's Court, warned that the state would punish those found guilty of disorder.

"It is imperative to severely punish, according to law, the chief culprits who have seized the opportunity to disrupt public security and disturb social order to a serious extent," the unnamed official said, quoted by Beijing Radio.

Zhao, 69, has not been mentioned by name in attacks by hardliners on a "small minority of people" but Western diplomats said it appeared that Deng, his former mentor, would soon have him removed from the top.

The mood of the Beijing marchers was sombre, much different from exuberant demonstrations which drew a million people into the streets on May 17 and 18.

"It's the last struggle," one banner said.

An estimated 20,000 people demonstrated in Taiwan's two largest cities today to support the student-led democracy movement in China.

About 10,000 students, movie stars and retired servicemen, shouting slogans supporting the mainland students, marched in a park in downtown Taipei, carrying banners proclaiming "Inseparable blood relationship" and "Long live freedom and democracy."

## Filipino film

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lobbying for removal of the bases.

Estrada said the film would depict such adverse effects as prostitution and US political interference, which anti-bases advocates say continues because of the presence of the installations.

"Usually, people shy away from propaganda pictures," said film director Augusto Buenaventura. "This is an entertaining picture with a social message. People still pay to see a movie to be entertained."

To add to the commercial appeal, Buenaventura said the film is spiced with fast-fights, gunbattles, comedy and sexy scenes depicting nightlife in bars that surround Subic Naval Base and Clark Air Base, the two largest US installations.

The shift from the halls of Congress has not been difficult for Estrada, who was among the country's leading film stars specialising in gangster movies. His latest film role was six years ago.

Costeng, who hosts a weekly television programme on feminist issues, took acting lessons to prepare for her role.

Shooting has been under way for more than four months, a long time by Philippine movie standards. Estrada and Costeng had to shoot their scenes on weekends or during congressional breaks.

Most of the scenes had to be shot in Manila's red light district and in La Union province because nightclub owners in Olongapo, 50 miles (80 kilometres) west of Manila, refused to co-operate.

# Review LONG MARCH

BEIJING (AP): As so often in its recent history, China is in a convulsion, seemingly unable to escape the pattern of using force or the threat of it to settle political differences and achieve change.

Once again, as in the violent 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, the leaders and masses caught up in the struggle seem oblivious to the possible damage to China's careful advances in economic reform.

This time, however, the issues are clearer than in the far-leftist Cultural Revolution, when a power struggle was cloaked in ideology.

At stake now is whether the Communist Party will continue to determine China's future, or whether it will allow students or any other group a small voice.

Although other demands were raised during six weeks of student protests that climaxed in a top-level power struggle, the students' key demand is for a meeting, on equal terms, at which specific reforms such as a free press can be discussed.

Reformist party chief Zhao Ziyang endorsed a dialogue, and for a brief time student leaders believed he was winning a power struggle with hardliners. Some hoped that under him, China might take its first major step away from a 2,000-year-old tradition of autocracy.

But by last week's end, it was clear that hardliners under senior leader Deng Xiaoping and Premier Li Peng were in charge.

Fears of violent conflict between protesters and soldiers — and among military units on opposing sides of the power struggle — subsided as soldiers ordered by Li to enforce martial law moved to the outskirts of Beijing.

Li seemed willing to wait before trying to enforce the martial law that so far has existed in name only.

Street marches waned and barely 10,000 students continued a sit-in at Tiananmen Square that began May 13 and peaked with 200,000 participants.

Students held another march Sunday to try to energize their movement before formally ending their occupation with another rally this week.

Even if the movement dies, it will only be a matter of time before Deng is challenged again by the same clamor for democracy from students, intellectuals, workers and others whose non-material aspirations the party has ignored for 40 years.

Their voice has gained strength with each round of protests. In 1978, hundreds of students and workers put posters on a wall in Beijing calling for reform. In 1986, students marched several hundred thousand strong. This month, more than one million students, workers, teachers, doctors, police, government workers, party members and soldiers joined the chorus.

Little popular respect remains for leaders who have been seen as ready to go to any extreme to protect their power. Even children joined the mocking chant: *Xiaoping, Your Mind is not Sharp*. Beijing residents will not forget soon the heady sense of power it gave them.

During the height of the protests, many careened down streets in flat-bed trucks, whooping and wav-

ing flags. They hung Li in effigy and satirized Deng.

"Something has snapped in the entire political system," said a Western diplomat. "It's impossible to put it back together again the way it was."

Some players may be off the stage for good. Zhao was reported under house arrest, several other top officials were reported in serious trouble and a purge of liberals in the party, academia and the media was predicted.

Li said most of the student protesters will be regarded as patriots but that "a tiny minority" of students leaders conspired to overthrow the party and will be punished.

They can expect to go the way of Wei Jingsheng, the last impetuous youth who dared take Deng's name in vain in public. Wei, a 29-year-old electrician, helped lead the 1978 Democracy Wall movement and is serving a 15-year prison term.

For a time, at least, writers and artists who had been enjoying a gradual relaxation of censorship will have to feel their way carefully.

Pressures for economic conservatism also will increase. Deng sponsored a 10-year-old reform programme that stimulated the economy by reducing central planning and introducing elements of the free market.

But the reforms have been stalled since September while the government tries to end supply bottlenecks, corruption and more than 30-per cent inflation. Liberal economists prescribed faster dismantling of the old system.

In order to defeat Zhao, however, Deng was forced to seek support from aging revolutionaries such as Chen, who may insist on moving slowly and even re-asserting some controls.

The government also may have scared off some foreign investment by its harsh response to the protests, which negated the image it had carefully cultivated of a united, rational leadership.

Ripples will be felt in the British colony of Hong Kong, from which thousands of professionals already have fled in anticipation of the return to Chinese rule in 1997. The crackdown will only encourage further exodus.

In the end, the huge masses of protesters in Beijing and other cities seemed irrelevant to the power struggle itself, the outcome of which was determined by the allegiances of military commanders and votes in the party Politburo.

Without mass support, however, Deng's rule will be shaky. Furthermore, he and the party elders who rallied to him cannot live forever. Deng is known to suffer from minor illnesses and his public statements have become rambling.

He or a successor will be forced eventually to respond to the masses: to students galvanized by the writings of Thomas Jefferson, Henry David Thoreau and other Western individualists to workers who see inflation erode their buying power while corrupt officials get fat, and to peasants who are angry at being forced to grow grain and accept loans from the government.

WHEN leaders of China's rebel students recommended a return to campuses after one final Tuesday rally, 20-year-old Shao An found tears streaming down her cheeks.

"If we withdraw, everyone will think we have failed," she said early on Sunday. "Please don't report to the world that we have failed."

Shao — not her real name, which she asked not be used — is just one in a sea of rebellious students that has taken over Peking's Tiananmen Square for two weeks with banners and placards calling for the overthrow of Communist leaders.

On Saturday, some leaders of the movement recommended that students return to their campuses after a final demonstration on Tuesday.

"But we know in our hearts that even if everyone goes home, we have still won a great victory," said Shao, a student of western opera at Anhui University in eastern China.

"All the students," she said, "will go home and tell their friends, family and teachers the truth about what happened in Tiananmen Square in May, 1989."

"When they learn the truth, not the lies in the newspapers and on television, and when they learn of the spirit of sharing everything and the patriotism here, then they will understand that China still has hope."

"We have started a movement for freedom and democracy that will never stop. We have destroyed trust in the government."

Skirting around makeshift tents, stacks of rotting rubbish and slumbering bodies across the square, Shao said she wanted to thank the people of Peking for their gifts of rice, water, tea, apples and medical care.

"This is real socialism, not what those old fools have done," said Shao, pointing across the square to the Great Hall of the People, seat of power for China's communist leaders.

By Saturday, it was all but certain that China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping and his hardline premier, Li Peng, had won a power struggle against Communist Party Chief Zhao Ziyang, widely seen as a reformist sympathetic to the students.

Fear spread in some parts of the square and student leaders spoke of rumoured reprisals against protesters. Anti-government dissent since the 1949 communist take-over has typically led to harsh prison sentences or death.

Shao played down her courage.

"I am not the kind of person that always shouts out," she said. "I don't like trouble and before I came here I was totally dependent on my parents."

"I think this protest has changed me. Now I am more independent and I can take care of myself. I am not afraid."



A student washes his face in Tiananmen Square as the pro-democracy demonstration continues. (Reuter wirephoto)



A drummer leads a procession of demonstrators in Tiananmen Square during pro-democracy protest yesterday. Tens of thousands of people joined the protest. (Reuter wirephoto)



## INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

## Not a case of hit and run

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

IT is not a case of hit and run accidents in Paraya Ghar, a movie directed by Kalpataru for Wari Films. Everyone is accident prone, except the two leading men. It seems like the film was jinxed.

The most amazing aspect of the theme is the application of the "lost and found" formula. No, no. Children are not separated from their parents at a *mela* (fun fair). Wives get mixed up after an earthquake!

A simulated earthquake scene smacks of artificiality; so much so that you can see the cardboard homes destroyed repeatedly in a sequence lasting several minutes. Perhaps, this is one of the worst simulated sequences ever filmed. Then, perhaps not; the worst is yet to come from Bollywood.

What is appalling is the portrayal of women in this movie. Hindi film makers have never given due thought to women's status, stereotyping her as the "unsullied, obedient non-person" who puts up with slavery in the name of "serving her in-laws". Paraya Ghar



Raj Babbar

exploits the stereotype, further demeaning her already shaky status in Hindi films.

Asha (Jaya Prada) and Meena (Meena) are two women who are thrown from the arms of one man to the arms of another, like a soccer player trying to score a goal in a football match.

Meena (Madhavi) is the bride that gets "exchanged" after the earthquake, but is taken for granted by the phoney husband, Arun (Rishi Kapoor), her brother Vinod (Sachin), her real husband Dr Ramesh (Raj Babbar).

Arun has fallen in love with Asha's feet (she's a dancer) and tells her that he "would die if anything happened to her lovely feet". Asha is injured in an accident and comes into the care of Dr Ramesh; later she becomes the girl of her dreams.

Both women, unwillingly, accept their "fate", each trying to keep "reality a secret" in an unconvincing tale.

All the accidents are contrived by Kalpataru to keep the ball rolling to cover the hapless victim of his charade and arrive at the mushy climax.

Paraya Ghar started off as an interesting film. At the start we feel it is a romantic musical, but as the story unfolds, it becomes a complex tale of untold misery, particularly after several mishaps.

Some dances by Jaya Prada are entertaining but Laxmikant-Pyarelal's musical score lacks originality.

Rishi Kapoor, Jaya Prada, Raj Babbar and Madhavi are ill at ease in their roles; it seems they are as confused as the viewers about their misfortune.

In contrast, *Hissar*, a Pakistan TV drama, makes interesting viewing. It is a blend of attitudes, emotions and scruples. Directed by Ayoub Khawar, it is set in the competitive world of business, telling the story of how a chemical scientist Tareq is caught in a battle of supremacy between two rival factions. This is just one aspect of the theme.

Tareq's struggle for survival is interwoven with the portrayal of tenacious relationships within his family, and through their story, *Hissar* makes a social comment.

It talks of man's ego, jealousies, petty quarrels, struggle for power and wealth and hatred.

"Can you see and hear hatred?" asks one



Jaya Prada

character. "I can feel it," replies another.

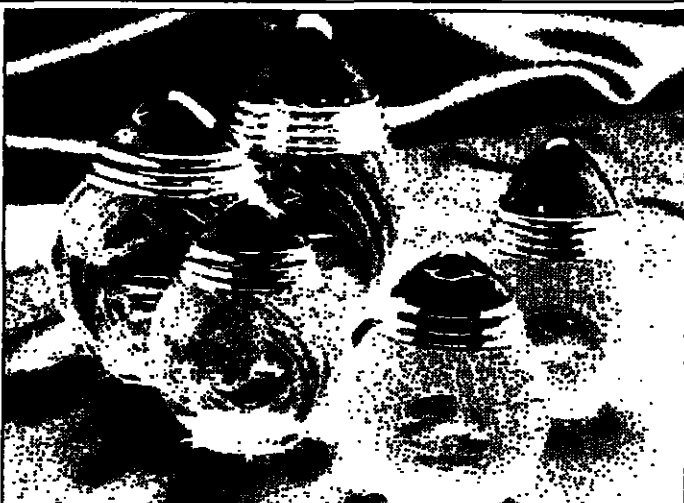
There are touching dramatic moments to discuss passionate love-hate friendships and the affair between Tareq and Maria Dilawar, the charming but self-centred daughter of a top industrialist.

And the industrialist Dilawar? He suffers from a guilt complex, punishing himself for cheating a business partner and when the past catches up with him, he feels isolated and cheated.

A viewer can identify with emotions, attitudes and situations in *Hissar*. In six cassettes (though the number could be reduced by cutting down advertising). It is an engrossing drama, highlighted by superb acting by the principles Samira Pirzada, Farouq Ahmed, Wassim Abbas and Zuhair Balouchi.

Unlike many Pakistani dramas, *Hissar*'s director keeps up the momentum, avoiding the jaded pace of several Pakistani TV plays.

The above movies are by courtesy of Alhambra Video, Main St., Farwaniya, Tel: 4712900; and Falcon Video, Abbasiya.



## Best perfume of the year

The perfume Boucheron received the Oscar of the Best Perfume of the Year 1988, which was awarded by the readers of the magazine, *Allure*, the perfume retailers and the Italian press such as *RAI-TV*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Canale 5*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Corriere della Sera*, *Marie-Claire*, *Amica*, *Vogue*, etc.

Rifal and Jashanmal Co. are the sole agent and distributor of this perfume in Kuwait.



EASA Hussain Al Yousifi Establishment and International Airdeal Company organised a seminar on airconditioning of computer centres and rooms. The seminar was held at Kuwait International Hotel and was attended by people concerned at the ministries, public establishments and leading companies.

The high technical specifications and the great improvement in designs witnessed by the Airdeal products for the airconditioning of computer centres, were narrated to the participants. The great achievement of the Airdeal products at the ministries and establishments during the past years, were also discussed. Picture above shows a scene of the seminar.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## MUSIC

**Piano concert**  
JUNE 7 at 7.30 pm: Famous Turkish pianist Ms Arin Karamursel will give a performance at the Ballroom "A" of the Kuwait Sheraton. Tickets are KD5 per person followed by a reception. For reservation contact 2422055 ext 104/107/109.

**Musical evening**  
JUNE 9: Octave presents a grand musical evening comprising hit songs from Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil films, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium. Funfair at 6.30 pm.

## SOCIAL

**Charity Dinner**  
MAY 29: A fund-raising dinner for refugees in Lebanon will be held for the British charity, MAP, at the Regency Palace Hotel. It has been organised by the Kuwaiti Women's Cultural Society. For reservations contact the hotel.

**Bangladeshi get-together**  
BANGLADESHI Engineers

and architects in Kuwait will hold a get-together at the Hotel Plaza Ballroom on June 15 from 7.30 pm onwards. For details contact 4317145, 4718157 or 3713923.

**Seminar**  
MAY 30: A seminar on the refugee problems will be held by Dr Pauline Cutting and Dr Swoe, who will be in Kuwait to raise funds for refugees in Lebanon, at the Kuwait Medical Society.

**Sultan Gallery**  
UPTO May 31: Exhibition of painting of the papyrus by Egyptian artist Adam Henein. Opening hours 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm at the Thunayan Alghanim Building, Soor Street.

**Kuwait-Welsh Society**  
MAY 31: The annual general meeting of the society will be held on Wednesday at 8 pm. For details call 391-2384; 372-9132; 371-3467; 562-5316.

**Meeting**  
JUNE 11: The organisational meeting for a new Scuba Diving Club will be held at 7 pm at the Qabazard Marine Company. Hamad Al Mubarak St. Salmiya. Election of officers of new club; new members welcome. Tel: 5746579 for further details.

**Get-together**  
JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Stepping Stones and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Raju 2412970, and Tony 2631826 after 3.30 pm.

**Fiesta Filipina**  
JUNE 16: The Filipino Cultural Club will hold "Fiesta Filipina" to commemorate the 91st anniversary of the Philippine Republic on June 12. The show will give a glimpse of the Filipino heritage through songs and music. The show will be held at the Meridien Hotel, Al Jahra Ballroom. Highlights of the evening are an on-the-spot painting competition; lucky draw and exhibition.

Show plus dinner buffet costs KD 5 per person. For reservations contact the Philippine Embassy: Mabuhay Restaurant; the Philippine Gift Shop and Rainbow Restaurant (Fahaeel).

**Contact**  
JUNE 23: The ladies information group, Contact, will hold its next meeting on Saturday, from 10 am, at the Mesilah Beach Hotel. For details call 3720197; 4874513; 5388105.

## FILMS

**Konkani Drama**  
JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibachio Divo Paloulo, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar, to be staged at the Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes contact Raja Stores, tel: 2412970.

## HOTELS

**At the Regency**  
THE Kuwait Regency Palace has prepared a break for your weekends and the public holidays. For Kuwaiti and resident families only. Special offer for two nights stay and one night stay from Wednesday to Friday. Lot of free offerings.

Additional rate of KD12.750 per person per night sharing a double room. Children under 10 years sharing their parents room are free of charge.

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## KTV 1

## MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Sabah Al Khir  
9.15 Cartoons  
9.45 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.00 Yaseen Wa Bahiya: Arabic serial (Part 15)  
10.45 News Summary and Varieties  
11.00 Al Ein: Arabic serial (Part 2)  
11.50 News Summary and Varieties

## CINEMA

Al Andalus  
Beetle Juice  
Al Salmiya  
Booked for Arabic play Al Hasna Wa Wahoush  
Al Hamra  
Arabic Film  
Drive-in  
Arabic Film  
Al Firdous  
Zulum Ko Jala Doonga  
Starring: Naseruddin Shah, Vasant Sena, Suparna Anand  
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Jahra  
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## Bangladesh embassy new premises

The Bangladesh embassy will be shifted to Khaldiya from its present premises in Jabriya from Thursday, June 1. The new address of the embassy will be House No. 3, Plot 83, Street 14, Block 1, Khaldiya (near KT Club).

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

12.00 Cultural Film  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran and Closedown

## EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 The World News via Satellite  
4.45 Sherlock Holmes: Cartoon serial  
5.15 Mama Anisa Wa Esghar: children local programme, prepared by Samiya Moham-mad  
5.45 Varieties  
6.00 Nadam: Historical serial (Part 4)  
7.30 Varieties  
7.45 Quran and Science: Prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Layali Al Hilmiya: Daily Arabic serial (Part 17)  
10.35 Ana Thanbi Eih: Arabic feature film, starring Layla Fozzi, Muhssen Sarhan, Fareed Shawqi and Tahiya Karyooka  
12.15 News Summary  
12.20 The World News via Satellite  
12.45 Holy Quran and Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series  
6.30 Wild America: A look at "grasshopper mice" that are found in the wild in the US and Canada.  
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and regional affairs.



Hitchcock presents 'South By Southeast' on KTV2 at 10.00 pm today.

7.30 Charles-in-Charge: "A Date with Enid". Charles tries to help a young girl who believes she is not beautiful.

8.00 News in English  
8.40 Paradise: "The Ghost Dance". An Indian chief, John Tyler is under pressure after a group of white settlers decide they want to get rid of him.

9.30 227: "Snow Bound." A cold spell bothers the residents, who take shelter in the heated apartment of Mary and Lester. Comedy.

10.00 Alfred Hitchcock

Presents: "South By Southeast." Actor Michael Robert is caught in a web of intrigue. Thriller.

10.30 French Series: One Cop, One Judge. "Taxi Four L'Ombre." Important business personalities are implicated in a case of smuggling.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0600 Newswatch  
30 In Praise of God  
0100 News Summary followed by Opera of the Week  
45 The Baroque Concerto (ex 1st A Chopin Collection)  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
30 Science in Action  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Good Books  
0400 Newswatch  
30 Dangerous in Love (ex 22nd The Seventh Puppet; 29th Five Stories by Muriel Spark: Miss Pinkerton's Apocalypse)  
45 Nature Now  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Waveguide  
45 Words of Faith  
45 Recording of the Week  
0600 Newswatch  
30 Living with Death (ex 1st and 5th Leaders and Leadership)  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 1st Russia - The Drive to Empire 8th and 15th A Celebration of British Food and Farming; 22nd Sincerely Yours; 29th The European Court of Human Rights

0600 World News  
09 Words of Faith  
15 Dangerous in Love (ex 22nd The Seventh Puppet; 29th Five Stories by Muriel Spark: Miss Pinkerton's Apocalypse)  
30 Anything Goes  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Good Books  
30 Financial News (ex 1st and 29th) followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
1000 News Summary followed by Living with Death (ex 1st and 5th Leaders and Leadership)  
30 The Vintage Chart Show  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Tech Talk  
30 The Ken Bruce Show

1200 Newswatch  
15 Brain of Britain (ex 1st My Music)  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 1st Russia - The Drive to Empire 8th and 15th A

Celebration of British Food and Farming; 22nd Sincerely Yours; 29th The European Court of Human Rights

0600 Opening/Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News on FM Service  
1340 Easy Listening  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Latin American  
1800 Pope  
1900 Helter Skelter  
2000 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Jazz  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Listening  
0200 Closedown

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Gulf oil states may seek higher quotas

ABUDHABI, May 28, (Reuters): Gulf oil producers, two of them desperate for foreign exchange, look set to push for an increase in OPEC's production ceiling when ministers meet in June, according to oil industry analysts in the region.

But some producers may not be happy with the way the extra quotas are shared out.

The six OPEC Gulf producers — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Iran, Iraq and Qatar — account for two-thirds of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries current output ceiling of 18.5 million barrels per day (BPD).

"It seems there will be a one million or 1.5 million BPD increase in the OPEC output ceiling as Gulf producers look as if they agree on it," one industry analyst said.

The analysts said the six Gulf producers had differing reasons for seeking higher quotas when OPEC oil ministers meet in Vienna on June 5 to review the output ceiling.

Iran and Iraq, both rebuilding after their ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war, badly need foreign exchange and one analyst said both would welcome any quota increase.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest crude oil exporter, apparently believes that demand has picked up to the point where the output ceiling can be relaxed without depressing prices.

"They (the Saudis) think \$18 should not be an upper limit if the market forces push it higher and they want the (OPEC) secretary general to call a price committee meeting every time prices drop below \$15," one oil source said.

## Industrial output up

VIENNA, May 28, (KUNA): Industrial output in Austria rose five per cent last March from the same month a year ago, according to official figures published today.

But overall growth in all industrial sectors reached seven per cent after adjusting for seasonal fluctuations, the Central Statistical Bureau said, in a report on the nation's industrial performance.

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## Best ways to provide employment

Expansion of private sector to be reviewed

JEDDAH, May 28, (KUNA): The fourth conference of Saudi businessmen will begin its working sessions here tomorrow.

During its four-day sessions, the conference will discuss five working papers on the best ways to provide employment to the national manpower in the private sector, investments, creation of channels for small and medium investments, attraction of foreign investments in joint ventures and developing the infrastructure of the private sector to face the technology challenges in the upcoming phase.

The conference will concentrate on ways of developing the private sector's activities in order to qualify it for shouldering its role in the upcoming stage through the enhancement of its production capacity and attraction of small and medium capitals in productive projects.

It will also mobilise the private sector's potentials in order to achieve a real development in this sector and open new job opportunities for qualified Saudi youths.

More than 1,200 participants will take part in the conference, including Arab and Arab-Gulf businessmen and chairman of Arab chambers of commerce and industry and presidents of Arab financial and economic organisations.

The conferences provide a platform for Saudi businessmen to discuss economic issues of the general nature in an atmosphere of scientific dialogue between businessmen and officials in order to achieve more interaction needed for keeping the development of a steady growth path.

The conferences are held every two years and the first conference was held in

the Eastern Province in 1983, while the second in Riyadh in 1985 and the third in Abha in 1987.

These conferences had helped much in the creation of a good atmosphere, thanks to continuing dialogue and proper resolutions and recommendations.

The first conference which was held in the Eastern Province and was opened by the interior minister on behalf of King Fahd bin Abdulaziz had aimed at projecting the capabilities of the private sector which until then had been playing a secondary role in the kingdom's development.

This conference had greatly helped in setting guidelines for the private sector.

The second conference which took place in Riyadh in 1985 was opened by King Fahd.

The period between the first and the second conferences was named as the transitional period because the private sector was required to cope with the needs of economic development at the phase.

In this conference, the participants discussed policies that will boost the activities of the private sector and ways of implementing the second strategy of the fourth development plan, which calls for a wider role for the private sector.

The fourth conference, to be held in Jeddah from May 29 to June 1 will coincide with preparations for launching the Saudi fifth development plan.

The fifth plan stressed the role which could be played by the private sector in the development and as such the conference drew its significance.

## Riyadh, France discuss trade ties

Plan to set up more joint projects

NICOSIA, May 28, (Reuters): A French trade delegation met Saudi officials in Riyadh today to discuss setting up more joint projects, the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said.

"Discussions dealt with developing the good relations between the two countries through increasing contacts and establishing joint projects," it quoted Saudi Commerce Minister Suleiman Al Salim as saying.

French Foreign Trade Minister Jean Marie Rausch, who arrived earlier today for a visit expected to last two days, also conferred with the Saudi ministers of industry and finance and economy.

Salim said the talks covered providing Saudi Arabia with French technical know-how and diversifying Saudi exports to France. "It was agreed there was big scope for expanding trade relations," he said.

SPA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted a French official as saying France occupied fourth place in the Saudi market, after the

United States, Japan and West Germany.

A Franco-Saudi working group has been meeting in Riyadh for the past few days to review the development of economic ties.

In a report from Paris, the Kuwait News Agency KUNA said Saudi Arabia regained its position as France's major oil supplier in the first two months of 1989.

It said France's imports of Saudi crude for the period totalled 2.92 million tonnes, a 160 per cent rise on the first two months of 1988.

KUNA also quoted the London-based Lebanese newspaper Al Hayat as saying that Rausch was likely to discuss Saudi Arabia's planned purchase of French weapons.

The paper said France and Saudi Arabia would announce two deals worth about 18 billion francs (\$2.75 billion) when Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz visited Paris early

next month. Prince Sultan, accompanied by high-level military advisers, has embarked on a European tour during which he will visit Greece, Britain, Austria and the Netherlands in addition to France.

Diplomats said he was likely to discuss several arms deals to serve notice on the United States that Saudi Arabia could obtain European-made weapons.

US-Saudi relations have been strained by the refusal of the US Congress to approve sales of some advanced weapons to Riyadh for fear they could be used against Israel.

Military sources said Saudi Arabia was known to want to buy tanks, armoured vehicles and warships, but Prince Sultan might also look at fighter jets and submarines in Europe.

The sources said that although Saudi Arabia had signed arms deals with Britain worth more than \$30 billion it still wanted to acquire US fighters and tanks.

'It's a risky business'

## Trade move heightens strain with Japan

WASHINGTON, May 28, (Reuters): The US decision to cite Japan for unfair trading has tapped an undercurrent of antagonism between the economic giants and made further friction likely, Japan-watchers say.

Trade analysts believe that the long-term effect of putting Japan onto a trade hit-list, with Brazil and India, may be to anger trading partners even though the average American shopper is still buying their goods.

The White House labelled the three countries on Thursday as persistent unfair traders, starting a process that requires them to bargain within 18 months on how they should meet their ways or face US tariffs, quotas or other measures.

But any such action is far down the road and, in the opinion of many trade lawyers and analysts, an

unlikely outcome. US Trade Representative Carla Hills emphasised that the 1988 trade act, passed last year by a Congress frustrated at record US trade deficits, required her to name countries. Now this had been done, Congress should have "a feeling of comfort."

Her comments reinforced some industry fears that the Bush administration might not press unfair traders hard enough.

Some analysts fear the public charges could lead eventually to a trade war with Japan, shaking the world economy.

"It's a very risky business," said Martin Weinstein, an Asia scholar and former US diplomat in Tokyo. "We've started a game of Russian roulette, the gun is really loaded, and it could go off ... Japanese officials are mad as hell."

## Bond movements

## Strong dollar lures foreign investment

NEW YORK, May 28, (AP): When the US bond market rallies, you can usually thank West Germans, Japanese, Britons and other foreigners.

At the end of 1988, foreigners held an estimated \$634 billion in US debt, or about 5.6 per cent of the \$11.3 trillion in outstanding credit market debt.

Last year alone, foreigners pumped about \$106 billion into the US credit market, according to Federal Reserve statistics.

So when the bond market rallied recently on the newfound strength of the US dollar overseas, foreign investment was a major reason. A host of negative economic and political news in West Germany, Japan and Britain also played a role.

The reason? When things aren't going well abroad and US economic signs are being viewed in a positive light, dollar-den-

ominated securities become a good investment for foreigners.

The stock bribery scandal in Japan that has led to Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's resignation and domestic political pressures on West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl also have weakened confidence in those countries.

The Bank of England boosted its base lending rate a full point to 14 per cent in the middle of last week, fuelling speculation that Japan and West Germany would follow suit, and bond prices backed off a bit. When interest rates rise, bond prices fall.

"The stronger dollar is a confidence builder for the foreign investors, but if the dollar rises at too rapid a rate it raises doubts about durability," said John Lonski, senior economist at Moody's Investors Service.

## Egypt facing financial squeeze

### Repayment of debts

WASHINGTON, May 28, (KUNA): Egypt is facing an impending financial squeeze over the repayment of debts related to United States military aid that has prompted a review of military spending, reports said here today.

The United States provides Egypt with \$1.5 billion in military aid out of an aid package of roughly \$2.3 billion a year.

The aid package is supposed to finance a major, pro-American re-orientation of Cairo's military equipment, once provided exclusively by the Soviet Union.

But Egypt has accumulated a military debt to the United States of \$4.5 billion and, according to American law, Egypt will have to repay some interest in the coming year if it is to qualify for further American aid.

According to the reports, the

requirement could lead to difficulties later this year in a country labouring under economic crisis and an overall foreign debt of \$44 billion.

The first repayments, due in July, are relatively small. But they increase incrementally, and the total for the coming year is between \$500 million to 600 million in addition to larger sums due on Egypt's overall debt.

Egypt wants a debt-rescheduling agreement with the International Monetary Fund, but the fund is demanding changes in economic policy in return that Cairo fears will provoke political instability.

The squeeze has increased pressure on Cairo to cut back on defence spending, spurring speculation among diplomats that Egypt may be considering scrapping major purchases, said the reports.

## ADB marks 25 years

Some hope on debt

ABUJA, Nigeria, May 28, (Reuters): The African Development Bank celebrates its silver jubilee tomorrow as efforts by industrialised nations to ease the continent's crushing debt burden slowly gather momentum.

French President Francois Mitterrand last week announced that Paris would cancel all official debts owed to it by 35 of the poorest countries in Africa.

He has also signalled that the Third World debt crisis will be high on the agenda when France hosts the annual summit of the seven leading industrialised, non-communist countries in June.

But for some at least, the relief campaign on Africa's \$230 billion debt is moving too slowly and not far enough.

A regional banker, addressing a debt seminar before the bank's three-day annual meeting opens tomorrow called for all of sub-Saharan Africa's debt to be cancelled.

Alain Le Noir, executive secretary to the club of directors of French-speaking African banks, said: "What is \$137 billion? Less than one per cent of the gross national product of OECD (Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development) countries."

At the bank's annual meeting last year James Baker, then US Treasury Secretary, put on the way for Paris Club creditors to write off African debt by dropping American insistence that they act in concert.

A menu of options agreed later in Toronto by Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany offered a mix of debt cancellation, longer repayment terms and interest rate relief.

Baker's successor, Nicholas Brady, this year unveiled another initiative which African officials hope might relieve better off indebted countries like Nigeria and Ivory Coast which had not benefited from the Toronto agreement.

Yet a recent World Bank report noted that in relation to their stretched resources, sub-Saharan countries remained more heavily indebted than other developing countries.

Le Noir said the debt had become such a severe drain on African economies that there were scarcely an efficient banking systems left and much needed imports could not be bought.

He cautioned that while constant public debate on Africa's debt might produce some breakthroughs, it might also dent its image.

"The continent is in danger of losing every credibility. Foreign investors are turning to outlets rightly or wrongly considered to be more reliable and profitable — Asia, and certainly Eastern Europe tomorrow," he said.

The bank is based in Abidjan but Nigeria, the bank's largest single shareholder, is hosting the conference in what is to be its new federal capital — Abuja, which still resembles a vast construction site in the Nigerian bush.

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5	Fatima	ISA	2441860
6	Sanko Coral	Salmiah	4745471
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29/5	Caribbean Highway	United	2457958
29/5	Spyros	Algh. Barwil	4843988

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

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3	Sally	Sager Shaheen	2432692
9	Glory Cape	Algh. Barwil	4843988
10	Wan Ling	Roger	2423642

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

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27/5	Golden Polydimamos	Arab Seas	2421303
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## IFAD loan for Kenyan project

ROME, May 28, (OPECNA): The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has extended a loan of \$8 million to Kenya for a rural agricultural development project.

Another \$4.5 million will be contributed in grants from the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the Netherlands Organisation for International Development Co-operation and the Kenyan government itself.

The IFAD-initiated project, which will benefit some 30,000 rural families currently living below the poverty line in the Kwale and Kilifi districts of the country, will increase food production substantially.

The project includes measures to reduce chemical pest control, an applied research to combat the tsetse fly which affects livestock and the promotion of integrated pest management techniques.

The project is part of IFAD's support to what is described by the Kenyan government as its district focus strategy (DFS) which sees decentralised rural development as critical in reaching annual agricultural growth rates of 5.6 per cent.

Small holders grow about 45 per cent of the country's marketed maize, 60 per cent of this coffee, 35 per cent of its tea and 45 per cent of its sugarcane.

This is the second IFAD-initiated project in the country, but the fourth to receive the agency's funding, which now totals \$21.5 million.

The agreement was signed by IFAD president Dr Idriss Jazairy and the Kenyan Ambassador to Italy, Dr Don Nanjira.

## South Yemen to get IDB loan

ABU DHABI, May 28, (Reuters): The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has made loans to South Yemen for a farming project and to help it to export oil and oil products, a United Arab Emirates newspaper reported today.

Al Khaleej quoted South Yemen Deputy Planning Minister Abdullah Said Abdan as saying the Saudi-based bank had agreed to lend \$7.5 million towards the cost of the farming project.

It also agreed to lend \$10 million to finance exports of crude and petroleum products for one and a half years, Abdan said.

The bank, which has lent South Yemen a total of \$50 million promised to consider funding the reconstruction of areas damaged by floods in March and April.

A bank delegation visited South Yemen last week.

# US investors see China as opportunity after turmoil

NEW YORK, May 28, (Reuters): China's political upheaval is unlikely to hurt business and could lead to a more open economy and greater commercial opportunities once unrest dies down, US business leaders and experts believe.

The United States is China's biggest investor, with total investments of \$3.4 billion, and Beijing's third-largest trading partner.

"China's leaders, regardless of their political cast, know they need Western technology. The open-door policy, in economic terms, has the allegiance of virtually all the factions," said Mark

van Fleet, director of Asia-Pacific Affairs at the US Chamber of Commerce.

"If I were forced to make a prediction, I'd say business opportunities will stay the same or increase."

Although most foreign investors hoped that reformist Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang would prevail in the reported power struggle with hardline Premier Li Peng, business leaders did not see Li's apparent victory as a severe setback.

"It's clear what this power struggle amounts to is speed and pace of reform as opposed to reform or no reform,"

said Karen Green, director of Business Advisory Services at the US-China Business Council.

The biggest risk to investors is that the turmoil will provoke a violent crackdown.

Harsh reprisals against student protesters and widespread human rights violations could lead to the suspension of US economic credits for China's development, said Andre Brick at the Heritage Foundation in Washington.

"If it should continue and involve military clashes with a civilian population, then businesses would reassess

their relationship with China to see if the risk-reward ratio is still favourable," said Richard Flansburg, chairman and chief executive of Security Pacific Corp.

So far, there is little sense of panic in the Western business community.

"I don't know of anybody who's talking about pulling people out permanently or shifting investment plans," said Robert Goodwin, whose Washington firm Goodwin and Sable advises clients on doing business in China.

Goodwin said the current situation could not be compared to the cultural

revolution of the late 1960s, "which didn't come from the Chinese people at all" but from warring factions at top levels of government.

"This situation and the outpouring of opinion from all levels of society is more comparable to the events in the Philippines" that led to the ousting of (President) Ferdinand Marcos, he said.

While most businessmen think the upheaval in China will eventually lead to a more open and efficient economy, bankers are more cautious.

"Business and banking don't do well in periods of turmoil and history bears that out," said Flansburg.

Although investors want to see reforms in China, Flansburg said, they "don't want a fledgling democracy that may or may not be able to manage a billion people."

China's high inflation rate, 30 per cent above last year's levels, is particularly costly to foreign investors who lose money as they wait for government clearance to convert Chinese renminbi to hard currencies such as dollars.

But a Western diplomat in Beijing said recently that China will act decisively to cool its overheating economy, whatever faction takes control.

## \$431.5b budget takes effect

Japan boosts defence spending

TOKYO, May 28, (AP): Japan's 60.41 trillion-yen (\$431.5 billion) national budget took effect today, with defence spending and development aid showing the largest gains.

Total government spending for the fiscal year which began April 1 increased 6.6 per cent, the largest rise since a 9.9 per cent jump in 1981.

Passage of the budget had been delayed by an opposition boycott in parliament linked to the Recruit bribery scandal.

Funding for official development assistance rose 6.7 per cent to 755.7 billion yen (\$5.4 billion), while defence spending increased 5.9 per cent to 3.9 trillion yen (\$27.8 billion).

The foreign ministry has said an additional \$5 billion in development assistance will be provided by the fiscal loan and investment programme, bringing the total amount of aid to be

provided in fiscal 1989 to more than \$10 billion. The amount is likely to make Japan the world's largest aid donor.

Japan extended 1.1 trillion yen (\$7.9 billion) in development and in fiscal 1988, up 58.9 per cent from the previous year.

Japan announced last June that it would double its official development assistance to more than \$50 billion during the five-year period ending in 1992 in a bid to promote Japan's international contribution as an economic power.

Fiscal 1989 is the fourth year in Japan's five-year defence build-up plan, which involves a total of 18.4 trillion yen (\$131.4 billion). The plan calls for the 240,000-member self-defence forces to be able to repulse a "limited, small-scale" foreign attack.

"Japan's defence spending ranks sixth in the world if cal-

culated excluding pensions and other expenditures, as the government does. If measured in absolute terms, as is done by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the spending would place third, next to the United States and the Soviet Union," said Prof. Tomohisa Sakanka of Aoyama Gakuin University.

In a recent defence report, the government said the five-year defence plan should be fully implemented despite a recent warming in East-West relations. It said Japan would maintain its policy of not possessing nuclear weapons, not producing them, and not permitting their introduction into Japan.

In fiscal 1988, Japan's defence budget totalled 3.7 trillion yen (\$26.4 billion), or 1.013 per cent of Japan's gross national product, thus ending the nation's 11-year-old policy of limiting defence spending to less than 1 per cent of GNP.

Bulgarian minister in Tehran

## Plan to expand economic links

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 28, (AP): Bulgaria's trade minister and a Hungarian trade delegation arrived in Tehran yesterday for talks on boosting economic links, underlining Iran's growing tilt toward the Soviet bloc.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) monitored in Nicosia, said the Bulgarian Minister, Hristo Hristov, and a high-powered delegation, later attended meetings of the Iran-Bulgarian joint economic commission to promote long-term co-operation to the year 2000.

They signed an accord for air and sea links between the two countries and urged surface transport links through the Soviet Union, Iran's northern neighbour.

Under the agreement, IRNA said, Iran will buy ships from Bulgaria and co-operate in rail and harbour projects.

IRNA quoted Hristov as saying Bulgaria was ready to co-operate in oil and gas projects and increase imports of Iranian non-oil goods.

The Hungarian team was led by the Deputy Foreign Trade Minister, Tibor Melega. IRNA

reported. During his 4-day visit, Hristov will meet with senior Iranian officials to boost trade between the two countries, which last year totalled \$600 million, IRNA said.

The agreement on long-term co-operation until the year 2000 is similar to a pact to be signed by Iran and the Soviet Union when parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani visits Moscow next month.

He will be the highest ranking Iranian official to visit the Soviet capital, underlining the rapidly improving relations between Tehran and Moscow in recent months.

Rafsanjani will also travel to Bulgaria and Hungary next month to cement relations with the East bloc.

Hristov's visit and Rafsanjani's planned trip comes amid a resurgence of anti-Western feeling in Iran, which has pushed Tehran closer to the Soviet Union and the East bloc.

Rafsanjani is the only declared candidate so far in the presidential elections scheduled for mid-August.

Petrochemical plant

## Mitsui and Tehran talks stalled

NICOSIA, May 28, (Agencies): Iran has rejected an unsatisfactory suggestion from Japan's Mitsui Company that work on a partially-completed joint petrochemical project cannot be completed, the Iranian News Agency IRNA said yesterday.

IRNA, in a report monitored in Nicosia, said Iran's National Petrochemical Industries Company (INPIC) had rejected terms and conditions put forward by a Mitsui delegation which left for home on Friday.

Talks on the project, at Imam Khomeini Port on the Gulf, stalled because of "Mitsui's insistence that the project 'cannot be completed' and its failure to honour its commitments as stipulated in the original contract," IRNA said.

The agency described the three days of talks as fruitless.

Work on the plant stopped in 1980 at the start of Iran's war with Iraq. IRNA said it was 85 per cent complete at the time.

IRNA said that new terms set by the Japanese for completing the giant petrochemical plant at Bandar Khomeini on Iran's Gulf coastline were rejected by Iran. But it gave no details.

Similar negotiations broke down last month when a Japanese delegation rejected Iranian demands that Mitsui share the increased costs needed for repairs to the project.

Mitsui reportedly favours scrapping the project because of soaring costs.

The cost of the project between the Japanese conglomerate and INPIC was estimated at \$358 million when it was launched in 1973. It was pegged at more than \$4.48 billion by 1981.

The plant was 85 per cent completed when work was halted in October 1984 following attacks by Iraqi warplanes.

Watada visited Iran after the Aug 20 ceasefire in the 8-year Gulf war to inspect the plant.

He said later that the Iranians knew it was impossible to complete the complex as originally planned, but hoped to finish part of it with the use of existing facilities.

But a Mitsui official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said after he visited the plant last October that "the idea is unrealistic as the complex can't be used partially."

He said that "the damage to the complex was heavier than expected, so it may not be worth resuming construction."

But the Iranians balk at abandoning a major prestige project in which they have invested precious foreign exchange.

Tehran's Resalat daily said Monday, when the Japanese delegation arrived in Tehran, that if they insisted on dumping the project, Iran should insist on implementation of the original contract, even if it means filing a complaint at the International Court of Justice.

No end in sight to disputes over pay

## UK hit by rash of strikes

LONDON, May 28, (AP): Britain has been hit by a rash of strikes in transport and broadcasting, recalling the days before Margaret Thatcher when national walkouts helped bring down a Labour Party government.

But experts say the scenario is very different from the "winter of discontent" of 1978-79 when public service workers paralysed much of the country. In May 1979 Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party ousted the socialists on a wave of anti-union sentiment.

Experts predict the strikes will get worse before they get better but that they will subside after a current round of wage negotiations. Although there are concerns the walkouts could lead to spiralling wages and prices, their impact will be limited by Thatcher's union-curbing laws, they say.

Repeated one-day strikes by subway workers and bus drivers have forced millions of Londoners to walk to work. The British Broadcasting Corp. has cancelled or cut live transmission

and radio programmes because of periodic, brief walkouts by journalists and technicians. There is no end in sight to these disputes over pay.

Dockworkers are voting on whether to strike at Britain's 40 ports over the government's plans to abolish a job-guarantee scheme. Other potential strikers include engineers and university and national health service workers. Private sector targets have included Jaguar PLC, the luxury auto maker.

"When times were very hard in the 1980s, we took a back seat," said Jim Mowat, an official with the Transport and General Workers Union, Britain's largest union.

"We took redundancies, layoffs, we negotiated wage decreases. Now Mrs Thatcher is telling us that Britain's economy is booming so we think, then, that we should be partial beneficiaries of that boom."

The strikes have been spurred by high wage demands stemming from resurgent inflation and interest rates.

Changes in work practices

sought by new, tough managers to control costs and raise efficiency are also a factor, said John Kelly, a lecturer at the London School of Economics.

However, relations between employers and workers have improved considerably in recent years, under Thatcher's free-market revolution. The introduction of egalitarian Japanese management techniques through inward investment has helped, experts said.

Gavin Davies, an economist with Goldman Sachs International in London, said the economic effect of the renewed industrial strife "is much less because the economy has moved to be more service-oriented, more small firm-oriented and more female labour, and in each of those areas there is less incidence of union membership."

Rod Thomas, an official with the Employers' Confederation of British Industry said: "Our view is that it is a short-lived period of industrial disputes... there is no widespread fear of an upswing in union militancy."

## KD deposits steady to firm

Quiet trade

KUWAIT, May 28, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were steady to firm today in quiet trade, dealers said.

One month rates rose 3/8 point from today to 9-7/8 3/8 per cent and three months 1/8 point to 9-1/2 per cent, but few if any deals were completed.

In the short dates, overnight dealt at 8-1/2 compared to deals of nine yesterday. Tomorrow-next and spot-nxt were unchanged at 10 nine.

One week firmed 1/2 point to 10-1/2 9-1/2, with business reported at 9-3/4.

The Central Bank kept its dinar to dollar exchange rate fixed from yesterday at 0.29558/68.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposit rates were steady today in a dormant market, dealers said.

"There was no trade, no inquiries, nothing," said one offshore dealer in Bahrain.

One, two and three months were unchanged from yesterday at 9-11/16 9/16 per cent while six months and one year were a notional 11/16 point easier at 8-5/8 1/2.

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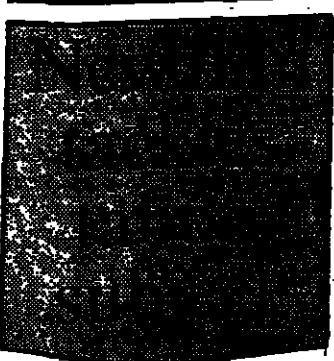
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ARAB BANK	149.0	150.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.51	4.51
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.71	1.70
ARAB INSURANCE	1.08	1.05
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.66	0.66
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.06	1.11
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.16	1.22
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.30	2.37
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.35	0.37
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.52	3.52
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	1.40	1.37
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.50	16.00
BEIT AL-KHAL/BETINA	1.08	1.06
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	30.50
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.33
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.49	2.52
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.81	0.80
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OF	4.60	4.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.43
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10
HIMEX MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.74	0.76
INDSTR. DEVLPT BKK	1.65	1.67
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	1.78	1.78
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	2.21	2.19
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.00	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.08	2.07
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.49	1.49
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.06	1.08
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.54	2.58
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	0.18	0.18
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.45	2.45
JOR PAPER CARDBRG	3.70	3.70
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.90	3.90
JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	2.23	2.26
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.05	1.05
JOR SECURITY CORP.	1.12	1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.19	2.18
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.46	2.45
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.65	4.70
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91	0.91
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.77	7.80
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.58	2.57
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.35
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.11	1.08
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.19	1.20
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.30	3.30
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	1.98	1.98
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.42	1.43
JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.06

### KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT
-NATIONAL BANK	0.960	0.970
-GULF BANK	0.365	0.370
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.265
-AHLI BANK	0.315	----
-B.K.M.E	0.325	----
-K.R.E.B.	0.340	----
-BURGAN BANK	0.260	0.270
-K.F.HOUSE	0.475	0.475
INVESTMENT SECTOR		
-KWT INV. CO.	0.095	----
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	----
-K.T.I.C.	0.070	----
-COM.FACILITIES	0.420	----
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000	----
-I.F.A.	0.043	----
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.087	----
-NAT. INV. CO.	0.066	----
-KWT PROJECTS.	0.083	----
INSURANCE SECTOR		
-KWT INSURANCE	0.570	----
-GULF INSURANCE	0.330	----
-AHLIAH INS. CO.	0.480	----
-VARBA INS. CO.	0.365	----
REAL EST SECTOR		
-KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.130	0.130
-UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.055	0.056
-NAT. R.E.S.T. CO.	0.180	----
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.080	----
-KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	----



SCREEN



By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): D.H. Lawrence's *The Rainbow* is being brought to movie screens complete with lesbian scenes, the most taboo subject in film.

There have been few movies involving female homosexuality, and none of those few have been box-office successes.

Perhaps the most publicized of them was *The Children's Hour*, starring Shirley MacLaine and Audrey Hepburn in 1962. No nudity. Just a chaste kiss. Still, it caused a stir.

The subject historically has been controversial, even among French films such as *Olivia* and *The Girl With The Golden Eyes*.

In the same year that *The Children's Hour* was released, another film suggesting lesbianism, *A Walk On The Wild Side*, was distributed.

A handful of other movies have touched on the subject. Last year *The Unbearable Lightness Of Being* suggested such a relationship.

Because most decisions about attending movies are made by women, films with lesbian scenes are a turn-off to wives and girlfriends, no matter how titillating the subject may be to men.

Hollywood believes that women are uncomfortable with the subject, if not downright repelled.

Male homosexuality fares little better on the screen. But films about homosexual men, dramas and comedies, have been more common than lesbian pictures over the years.

For various reasons, no one is predicting great box-office success for *The Rainbow*, which features the most obvious lesbian scenes in memory. Although they include nudity, the love scenes are rather tame compared to heterosexual shots in most R-rated pictures.

The love interests are played by two "English actresses," Samantha Davis, a young student, and her teacher, portrayed by Amanda Donohoe.

American viewers know Davis best as the teenager in war-torn England in *Hope and Glory* two years ago. She is outspoken and matter-of-fact about the lesbian scenes in *The Rainbow*.

"I play Ursula, a young, rebellious, passionate and emotional female at the turn of the century in rural England," Davis said on a Hollywood stopover to publicize *The Rainbow*.

"When *The Rainbow* was modern woman, saying 'no' to her society, seeking her own independence and respect. She is a non-conformist."

"I suppose the book was banned because of the sex. It was sensual. Ursula has a full sexual relationship at 16 with her school mistress, which for those times was shocking. It's still a shocking subject."

"(But) it's not just sex. The women are truly in love. I read the book when I was 14 and then again just before we started filming. The dialogue is very simple. When you read Lawrence, a woman can say 'yes' and mean 10,000 different things."

"So I had to get the meanings clear. At 14 I didn't really understand the sexual overtones between the women because it isn't written explicitly except for the kissing. Lawrence uses a lot of metaphors to signify the sex."

Davis believes the fact that she and Donohoe were friends before they were cast in *The Rainbow* made it easier for them to play the nude love scenes.



Geena Davis: In the big-league funny lady stratosphere

Nothing easy about comedy, says Oscar winner Geena Davis

Hollywood has a new funny lady

By Ivor Davis

GEENA DAVIS refuses to be drawn into a debate over whether there's any truth to the title of her newest and weirdest picture *Earth Girls Are Easy*, which opened on May 12. But she will concede that there's nothing easy about being funny on-screen, even though she surprised Hollywood by running off with this year's best-supporting-actress Oscar for her role in *Accidental Tourist*.

Indeed, there is little doubt that Davis, a well-endowed 6-footer, who in her latest film cavorts in a brief bikini with a trio of furry aliens, has already proved she is one of the freshest and funniest new talents to come along in years.

Like the late Judy Holliday, Davis, who began acting in Boston University's professional actors' training programme, has a kooky, offbeat quality that is both sexy, endearing and rare in movies today. She is absolutely captivating as Valerie, the wide-opened manicurist who, while sunbathing in her backyard in the San Francisco Valley, befriends three hairy aliens whose spaceship crash-lands in her swimming pool. The far-fetched, campy picture is wild and wacky, but it does enable Davis to take her place in the big-league funny-lady stratosphere that currently includes Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler and Shelley Long.

"She has really great comic ability," notes *Earth Girl* director Julien Temple. "She can play a real scatterbrained air-head, but underneath you always know there's something intelligent there. She has the ability to be silly and funny on one level, but warm and intelligent on another. She is a unique talent."

The other day Davis travelled from the Hollywood house she shares with husband and *Earth Girls* co-star Jeff Goldblum to a local hotel to talk about the unpredictable course that led her to the role of Muriel Pritchett, the quirky dog trainer who tries to change the introverted life of Macon Leary (William Hurt) in *Accidental Tourist*.

Davis made her brief but memorable movie debut in *Tootsie* (1982). She was the girl in high heels and underwear who towers over Dustin Hoffman in a ladies' dressing room. Along the way there have been a series of such oddball roles, as well as her own short-lived TV series *Sara* (1985). She was a vampy vampire in *Transylvania 6-5000*, a comedy she made with Goldblum in Yugoslavia in 1985. The movie didn't turn on audiences, but Davis had no such difficulties with Goldblum.

"It was love at first sight when we were introduced," she says of their swift courtship and marriage.

On-screen they teamed up again for *The Fly* (1986), with Goldblum making his horrific metamorphoses from man into insect, and Davis as the science reporter who becomes obsessed with the chameleon even as he disintegrates before her eyes.

"It was a love story, not a horror movie," notes Davis.

Then followed the role as Alex Baldwin's weirdo ghost wife in the box-office hit *Beetlejuice* (1988) and an earlier stint as the naive Wendy, opposite Dabney Coleman, in TV's popular series *Buffalo Bill* (1983-84).

Which brings us to the bizarre *Earth Girls*. The story is far-fetched to say the least: After aliens from the planet Jhazala — played by Goldblum, Jim Carrey and Damon Wayans — plot their rickety spaceship in her Los Angeles pool, they become romantically embroiled with the friendly Earth girls, including Davis and her screen pal Julie Brown, who is also one of the film's co-writers. The off-the-wall comedy/musical is likely to appeal to the same moviegoing crowd that turned *The Rocky Horror Show* into a cult classic.

What's a nice girl like Davis doing in such wacky roles? "In *Earth Girls* there was a chance to do a musical where people are breaking into song every once

in a while and that was very appealing. I figured Valerie (her movie character) is a bit of an alien herself — not a typical anything. She's hooked up with a doctor whom she's planning to marry, but it turns out an alien is Mr Right.

"Perhaps I do have some flair for comedy," she concedes, "and maybe that's why I keep getting cast in them. But I don't think of myself as a comedian and I've never done anything to get myself typed."

She is reluctant to label *Earth Girls* her big breakthrough starring role.

"Everything I get I think is my big break. When I got *Tootsie* I thought, 'Here we go.' Then *Buffalo Bill*, and I thought, 'Aha this is the start; I'll get my own spin-off show.' Then there was *Accidental Tourist* and I thought, 'This is the one.' I was disappointed when *Buffalo Bill* ended. But if it hadn't gone off I wouldn't have gotten *Sara*, and if that wasn't canceled I wouldn't have done *The Fly* and so on and so on."

Davis grew up in Wareham, Mass., "the cranberry capital of the world because it's where they make Ocean Spray (products)" where her parents and an old brother still live. She quickly dumped her given name of Virginia in favour of Geena, explaining, "Virginia has nothing to do with me."

Farah Fawcett juggles home and career

Superstar, Superwoman

By Ivor Davis

IT'S not easy being Farrah Fawcett. The 42-year-old actress wears her mantle of superstar/superwoman with a combination of joy and reluctance.

She is — not necessarily in order of importance — a much-in-demand actress who commands \$1 million a film; the devoted mother of an only son, 4-year-old Redmond O'Neal, mistress of a magnificent mountain-top house in Beverly Hills and another in Malibu; consort of actor Ryan O'Neal, who is Redmond's father; and, finally, stepmother to O'Neal's much publicized and oft-troubled brood — Griffin, 24, Patrick, 21, and Tatum, 25, who is married to temperamental tennis ace John McEnroe.

The O'Neal-Fawcett combination is hot and movie producers would love to get Ryan and Farrah together on the screen.

London impresarios think the gorgeous couple teamed on the West End stage would be a sellout. And even though they have been an "item" for 10 years, stories of hiccups, fact or fiction, in the Farrah/Ryan romance are still gobbled up by readers of the supermarket tabloids.

In two new films out this month she looks even more stunning than in those distant '70s TV days when her mile-wide "Charlie's Angels" smile could light up an underground silo.

With such TV movies as *Murder in Texas* (1981) and *Burning Bed* (1984) and big-screen releases as *Extrémities* (1986), Farrah long ago proved she had graduated from blond bimbo to respected actress. And in two new and very different films she



Fawcett: much-in-demand actress

proves more — that she can still play gorgeous women and wear clothes as well as or better than the world's great professional models.

Last month on the Turner Network Television Fawcett played the title role in "Margaret Bourke-White," the ambitious and obsessive magazine photographer who devoted her self — at the expense of a personal life — to crisscrossing the world for Life magazine.

Bourke-White knew what she

wanted and went after it with such a passion that in the '30s and '40s she became a legend in the magazine world. Along the way she met and married writer Erskine Caldwell, played by Frederick Forrest, but even he played second banana when it came to her professional glory.

Fawcett shows up again in a more contemporary movie, director Alan Pakula's semiautobiographical romantic comedy "See You in the Morning," which opened recently. This time it may seem a typecast role: She plays a top model who, like Bourke-White, decides the job is more important than her husband, played by Jeff Bridges. So she dumps him and goes off with her two youngsters, played by Lukas Haas and Drew Barrymore.

Choosing job over private life may work in the movies, but it's a mistake Farrah Fawcett would never make.

Like her former "Charlie's Angels" colleagues Cheryl Ladd and Jaclyn Smith, Fawcett has been able to juggle career with motherhood and family by extremely hard work and dedication.

The struggle between being a mother or an actress is a constant one, she says.

Daughter Deborah has 007 in her sights

Family Bond

By Baz Bamigboye

HER name is Moore, Deborah Moore, and she's licensed to follow in her famous father's footsteps as Hollywood's newest secret agent. Deborah, 25, is appearing with James Bond star Roger and Michael Caine in a £9 million comic adventure movie called *Bulseye*.

She plays an American scientist who doubles as a CIA pistol-packing agent and at a Cannes press conference she said: "My character is a bit wilder and more gun-ho than James Bond."

Deborah, who is using Barrymore as her professional name because there is already a Deborah Moore listed with the actors' union Equity, says that in the film she briefly falls in love with her father's character.

"I give him a small peck on the lips, but that's as far as the romance goes," said Deborah who lives in Battersea, south London with her boyfriend, property businessman Jeremy Green.

*Bulseye* begins shooting on locations in London, Zurich, and Vienna this summer. Moore, 62, and Caine play double roles, first as a pair of scientists then two smooth comen. They are chased across Europe by CIA agents — headed by Deborah.



Deborah Moore with father Roger

When actors meet real-life characters...

By Barry Baker

LINDY Chamberlain said a dingo crept into the family tent, in the shadow of Ayers Rock and took her nine-week-old baby, Azaria. That was in 1980.

Two years later, T-shirts with the slogan "The Dingo Is Innocent" were on sale all over Australia. And by the time she stood trial, virtually the entire Australian nation and its media had decided Linda's story was a pack of lies.

The persecution, cruelty and sick jokes directed at her were almost beyond belief. In sentencing Linda, and her husband Michael as an accessory to murder, the court simply buckled to public opinion.

Now a new film called *A Cry In The Dark* starring Meryl Streep and Sam Neill, hero of *Railly: Ace of Spies*, recreates the Chamberlains' suffering. Streep and Neill took on the difficult, real-life portrayals because both were dismayed at the treatment meted out to the Chamberlains. But despite the goodwill of the actors — and the Chamberlains' own desire to have their story honestly told — an extraordinary thing happened: there was friction, at least in the early stages of the production. The ill-feeling had its roots in the Chamberlains' difficult and confusing personalities. Their spiky self-righteousness had turned virtually a whole population against them.

Linda served three-and-a-half years in prison before she was finally freed and her real "crime" became obvious — through the huge media coverage of the notorious case, most Australians had seen Linda and simply didn't like her.

She seemed 'a hard bitch' and they were also prejudiced against her husband Michael who was a devoted but naive pastor for a tiny religious sect, the Seventh Day Adventists.

Traditional and deep-rooted Australian suspicion, even fear, of anybody different was enough to override the facts of the case —

no body, no motive, no weapon, no clear evidence.

In June 1987 an exhaustive commission of inquiry accepted the ludicrous inadequacy of the prosecution case and cleared Linda and Michael. The couple are now suing the Northern Territory Government for what may seem a staggering £9 million.

When they see the full horrors of their experience on screen, many people may think even that figure not quite enough. The death of a child is the worst torment any parent can suffer, but through two inept, a sensational trial and countless interviews, the Chamberlains were forced to tell and re-tell the details of Azaria's disappearance and death.

Each time it was their personalities, not their story, which convicted them in the eyes of their countrymen.

When Streep and Neill turned up to film in Australia, fully accepting the Chamberlains' innocence and anxious to help in their fight for compensation, they found them a tough, strange, difficult and mysterious couple.

Two respected actors in a common bond with the victims of appalling bias and injustice should have led to strong alliances. But that is not how it worked out. The relationship between Streep and Neill and the Chamberlains was almost a re-run of the alienating circumstances which led to the couple being convicted in the first place.

New Zealand-born Neill went to Australia first to spend time with Michael. "He was supposed to meet me on the train but he didn't turn up. When we eventually met he was deeply suspicious and that's how things went on."

"Because of his religion, he doesn't go to movies and he didn't know who I was. Talking to him wasn't easy."

"I found Michael a little bit vain, a fallible person. Then I told him I wasn't going to do him any favours by making him glamorous or sympathetic. And I didn't."

"At the time of the trial, Michael cracked, despite his deep religious beliefs and, when I was with him, it was clear that he had not recovered his spiritual strength."

"When we started filming, Meryl and I both decided not to have them on the set."

The cool, warts-and-all portrayal of the Chamberlains is one of the qualities of this remarkable film. On screen they seem ordinary, unattractive, often thoughtless, and such realism gives the work a documentary feel.

Neill struggled to get to know Michael for several weeks before Streep, the tough lady of movies, arrived in Australia and met her match.

"It was extraordinary. I saw their first meeting. They both circled one another and Linda was looking Meryl up and down," said Neill.

"She was looking at one of the greatest actresses ever and wondering 'Is she right to play me?' Meryl is pretty forthright herself, but she discovered how tough and unsympathetic Linda can be."

"In fact, to get into her character, Meryl, in a court scene for example, would not speak to actors who played the people accusing her."



Meryl Streep and baby in A Cry In The Dark

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

ASPIRIN DOESN'T WORK FOR ALL TYPES OF PAIN

QUESTION: I have arthritis for which I take eight aspirin a day. I also have severe headaches. With all the aspirin I take, I feel that every pain in the body should be suppressed. Do you have an answer?

ANSWER: I wish it were that easy — a simple medication for every health complaint that worked perfectly and without side effects every time. However, the complex and wonderful workings of our bodies do not permit us such a luxury.

Pain is the body's response to many different situations, requiring diligent investigation and diagnoses before the choice of an appropriate medication can be made. I don't know the cause of your headaches, but your letter makes it clear that aspirin is not the solution. It may mean that in your specific case, aspirin is just not effective for your headaches, although it might work quite well for someone else with the same problem.

More important, however, is the possibility that your headaches are a symptom of another situation for which aspirin is

never the medicine of choice. An example, to help make my point. Your headaches may be the sign of an elevated blood pressure. Reducing this pressure would most certainly put an end to the headache problem, but the medicine to achieve that would not be aspirin.

I hope you realize that you require a bit of personalized medical attention, for the possibility of a serious condition does exist in your case, and I would not delay a visit to the physician if I were you.

QUESTION: I'm a salesman and spend long periods driving through my territory. Lately, after such a drive, I experience a piercing pain around my left knee, when I exit my car. After a careful examination, my doctor called this a "runner's knee" despite the fact that I don't run or jog and only play tennis on an irregular basis. Is it possible for you to validate my physician's diagnosis?

ANSWER: I must assume your physician ran all the necessary tests, and X-rays, in addition to the careful examination you mention, before making this diagnosis. If

I'm correct he probably also discussed some muscle weakness with you, for runner's knee is a form of anterior knee pain, seen frequently in athletes, that causes the type of pain you describe, in which there is a weakening of one of the muscles of the thigh (vastus lateralis).

It falls into the category of overuse syndromes, but many types of conditions are grouped together and the rather inaccurate name is applied to them all. I know of your complaint as the "theater symptom" as it occurs as well after long periods of sitting with the knee flexed at movies or concerts.

Sports physicians believe the pain arises from the imbalance in the alignment of the patella (knee cap) because the inner thigh muscle is too weak to keep the cap in its proper place. A series of special exercises are in order, or the use of a muscle stimulator to get this muscle back in shape. If both your doctor and I am correct, the condition should improve in two or three months.

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ANDY CAPP

By Smith





Légal fodder for French gourmets

# Endangered turtles in a soup

By Michela Wong

ST LEU, Reunion, (Reuter): Rare turtles from the Indian Ocean island of Reunion are providing far-away French clients with exotic soups, steaks, shoes and belts. But it's all legal.

Despite being listed as an endangered species under a 16-year-old international treaty, the green turtle is ambitiously marketed by a farm on this French tropical isle supported by the government in Paris.

"Putting an endangered species to commercial use is a way of safeguarding it. If there were more farms like this one illegal hunting would go out of business," says Stephane Ciccione, who runs the Corail farm on the West Coast of Reunion.

Heavily hunted in the past, the herbivorous chelonia mydas is now rarely spotted in local waters. But here literally thousands jostle each other in scores of dark water tanks, eating, sleeping and fighting.

Each year female turtles climb laboriously ashore to lay their spherical white eggs on the sandy shores of Europa and Tromelin, two tiny Indian Ocean islands which form part of France's far-flung overseas network.

Most eggs hatch at night, when baby turtles stand the best chance of escaping marauding predators in their long trek to the sea. Acting on the assumption that their daytime siblings are unlikely to survive anyway, Paris allows Ciccione to catch up to 7,000 of these a year and fly them to Reunion to be raised.

At the farm the turtles slowly grow from delicate two inch (five centimetre) babies to adolescents weighing up to 40 kilos (88 lbs). Powerful pumps suck in sea water from the shallow coral lagoon nearby, giving the turtles the warm water they thrive on.

As they grow, staff eliminate stunted, diseased or excessively dark specimens, favouring instead large turtles with colourful pink, maroon and orange variegated shells.

"We used to tag the rejects and release them into the sea. But we found that, lacking the necessary survival instincts, very few of them made it. Now we don't bother," says Ciccione.

When they are between three and five years old the turtles are slaughtered at the local abattoir.

The meat, recommended by doctors because it is exceptionally low in calories and fats and high in protein, is marketed as turtle steaks and the traditional soup, while the fat is turned into suntan oil.

At local workshops the glowing carapaces are polished and varnished, intended for use as unusual interior decorations. Shells are also divided into individual scales, used for jewellery or spectacle frames.

"Seventy-five per cent of a turtle's body can be put to use. There's very little wastage," says Ciccione.

Actually selling the finished products has proved far from easy.

The 1973 Convention of International



Stephane Ciccione, who runs a turtle farm on the Indian Ocean island of Reunion lifts the farm's mascot, an eight-year-old Marquette.

Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) prohibits any international trade in turtles.

This means that Corail's products can only be sold internally to mainland France and French overseas possessions — a limitation that helped drive the company which originally set up the farm into bankruptcy and still means heavy losses for the new owners.

France tried to win permission for the farm to sell abroad in 1987, but CITES signatories turned the proposal down.

"It's true that the method the farm uses to collect hatchlings is not having any measurable impact on the wild turtle population," said Richard Luxmoore, research officer at the world conservation monitoring centre in Cambridge, England.

"But the problem is that the international trade generated by the farm would make it much more difficult to control illegal hunting. Illegal turtle products would be disguised as ranch products. That's why the proposal was turned down."



Louise Brown, 1978

## Unique 'family' reunion



Louise Brown, 1988

A decade after the first test-tube baby was born in 1978, 600 children gathered from as far as Iceland to India to pay homage

to the two pioneers of in-vitro fertilisation who made it all possible for their parents.

By Anna Pukus

THERE were more than 600 children at the party ... but it was just like a family get-together.

From as far away as America, India and Iceland, they had travelled to a former stately home in Cambridge-shire with one common aim.

The children and their parents all wanted to pay tribute to the two test tube baby pioneers who made so many dreams possible.

As the youngsters — all aged under 11 — swarmed over the 22 acres of lawns at Bourn Hall clinic, their grateful parents recalled the agony of childlessness before they were helped by Professor Robert Edwards and Patrick Steptoe.

Guest of honour was Louise Brown, the world's first test tube baby, whose birth in July, 1978, made history. Louise, now ten, and her test tube sister, six-year-old Natalie, planted a walnut tree in the grounds of Bourn Hall in memory of Steptoe, who died last year.

Later she said: "All my friends know I was a test tube baby but no one makes any fuss about it. One nice thing for me is that I feel as if I have a thousand brothers and sisters all over the world."

Amid the jollity of marching bands, puppet shows and ice cream teas, 63-year-old Professor Edwards, reflected on how Steptoe would have enjoyed the celebrations after the years of opposition and criticism that dogged his early research.

"Some of the harshest criticisms came from our own



Four-year-old twins Hannah and Hafsa.

colleagues in Britain," said Professor Edwards, a geneticist.

When he teamed up with Steptoe in 1968, he was told by other doctors: "Stay away from him, he's dangerous."

He said: "When Louise was born we were very optimistic. But we never thought we would see a marvellous day like this."

"We had much work to do and our wildest dream was to reach 1,000 babies. We did that and it has been a great triumph."

There have now been 1,295

babies conceived at Bourn Hall and Professor Edwards is looking forward to the 2,000th this year.

"We had to fight political and ethical battles all the way," he said. "We always stuck to the ethics of care. Our priority is caring not cloning."

Among the obstacles they encountered was vilification by some politicians, the Church and the Pope.

He condemned all "unnatural" conceptions, adding to the anguish of childless couples who felt they were

betraying their faith. But yesterday there was only joy from hundreds of grateful parents.

From Iceland came dentist Gudjon Valgeirsson, his wife, Margret, and their six-month-old girls, Elin, Brynhildur, Alexandra and Dilla — Bourn Hall's first test tube quadruplets.

The couple were unable to have any more children after Margret had a difficult birth with her 15-year-old son Johannes.

"Bourn Hall gave us such hope when everyone else told us there was none," said her husband. The four girls were born after the second in vitro fertilisation — the technical term for test tube conception.

Another mother, Jayne Chaplin from Bristol, had 12 unsuccessful operations to try to cure her infertility before she had treatment at Bourn Hall. She gave birth to triplets, Katie, Lauren and Natalie, four years ago.

She recalled: "Steptoe was the kindest man, if rather frightening. But that was because he was so determined to help people like me. He often phoned me during the pregnancy just to see how I was doing."

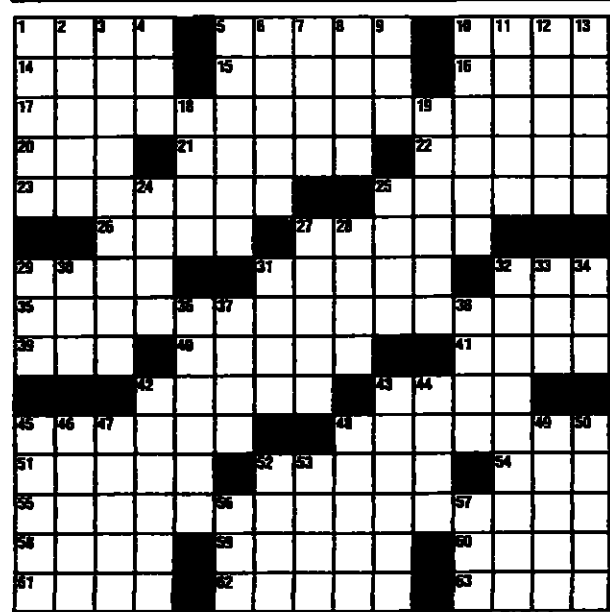
An estimated 10,000 test tube babies have now been born world-wide as other doctors have learnt the technique.

Bourn Hall, where treatment costs about £15,000, now boasts a 35 per cent first-time success rate, and advances are being made all the time, in tandem with a new sister clinic in Harley Street, London.



... Six-month-old quadruplets Elin, Brynhildur, Alexandra and Dilla, from Iceland.

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Hurried
  - Puts on the payroll
  - Go the route
  - Diminish in intensity
  - Rounded molding
  - Writer Bombeck
  - Seldom
  - Sis or bro.
  - Kin to the Ides
  - Tremble
  - They fled to wed
  - Flat-topped vehicle
  - Small, medium or large
  - a pig
  - Comic Costello and others
  - TV's Burnett
  - Adversary
  - Hardly ever
  - Tiny
  - Scarebabe
  - Major leaguers
  - Actress Collins and namesakes
  - Spiral, often
  - Intimate
  - Led astray
  - U.S. Grant's adversary
  - Quebec's ship
  - Light lead-in
  - Sometimes
  - Beach sight
  - Unaccompanied
  - Yorkshire river
  - Beginning
  - Lost color
  - Food fish
- DOWN**
- Vowed
  - Wellboard
  - Fenced off area
  - Actor Billy Williams
  - Author Balzac
  - Lend and namesakes
  - At-home garment
  - Pipe bends
  - Coin of little worth
  - Aye-aye and lorises
  - Like a cheering crowd
  - Air pollutant
  - Dred Scott chief justice
  - Don Juan's mother
  - Pears
  - The Leaning Tower's city
  - Place for Zeno
  - Stands up to
  - Rainbows
  - Word with blow or tide
  - Single
  - Succotash item
  - Spring beauty
  - Yoko
  - Before tea
  - "60 Minutes" regular
  - By jove!
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  - Mocked
  - Wrote
  - Served to perfection
  - Astaire and namesakes
  - Cabaret fare
  - TV's Graff
  - Keaton
  - Water vessels
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

**Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠A762 ♥932 ♦K ♣J10652  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Db1 ?  
What action do you take?

**Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠A4 ♥AKJ762 ♦73 ♣9  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
? What do you bid now?

**Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠A4 ♥AKJ762 ♦73 ♣9  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
? What do you bid now?

**Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠762 ♥AQ6 ♦Q5 ♣AJ1092  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
1 NT Pass 2 ♥ Pass  
? What action do you take?

**Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠KQ5 ♥AQ ♦AKQ1087 ♣63  
The bidding has proceeded:  
East South West North  
1 ♥ Db1 Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
? What do you bid now?

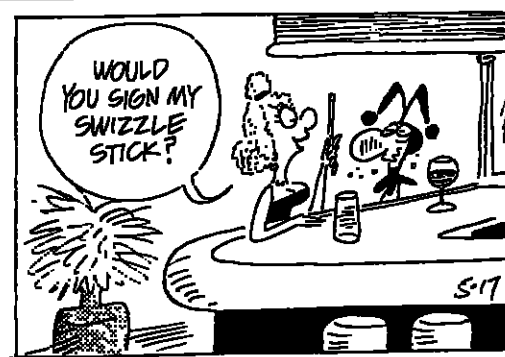
**Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠6 ♥A105 ♦AKJ ♣AQJ762  
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?



"Hi, I'm your new neighbor from across the hall. I'm divorced, so don't be surprised if I'm always over here around mealtimes."

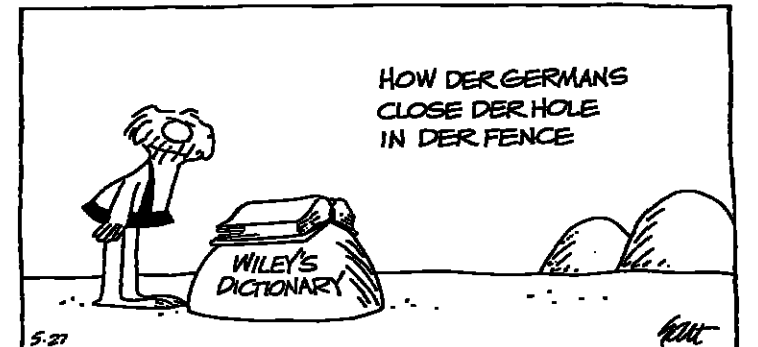
### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS



**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
The stellar influences are mixed and you should not try anything too fancy. You should not let yourself succumb to temptation — easier said than done but still possible. Do not persist in doing something you feel is wrong.



**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will feel in a better mood but you should avoid all kinds of exaggeration. Mercury's better influence will help you to make the right decision. Do not allow others to dictate to you. Be forgiving.



**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You should show a little more goodwill towards others. Try to keep calm whilst with a rather nervous person. Avoid excessive exertions but do not just do nothing either. Be tactful.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You will have plenty to do but you will be able to get a lot done too. You should not spend in the expectation of a windfall which may not come. Do not just hope for the best. Be magnanimous.



**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You will be better able to see eye to eye with those around you. You should avoid jumping to conclusions. There is no time to lose. Be reliable.



**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
Mercury's better influence will help you to look on the bright side. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 27. You should show a little more tolerance towards those associated with you. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be polite.



**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
You will be better able to meet your commitments, but only if you continue to work steadfastly. You should not hesitate to show your gratitude. Do not go on spending spree. Be helpful.



**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
You should pay more heed to your intuitions but always let reason have the last word. You will be able to consolidate what you have accomplished previously. Have the courage of your convictions. Be sincere.



**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You will be perturbed by something that you do not quite understand. However if you do not panic you will soon find that there is quite a simple answer. You should try to use a little more commonsense. Be courageous.



**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
Mercury's better influence will help you to maintain harmony. You will find it rather easier to relax. Do not do anything that would go against your principles. Be sensible.



**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
You should take care that you do not make a promise that would be hard in fact impossible to keep. Others will not be as co-operative as you would wish them to be. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be moderate.



**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
The Moon's better influence coupled with that of Mercury will help you to maintain harmony. You will be able to make better progress than of late. Avoid doing anything that you are not quite sure about. Be considerate.



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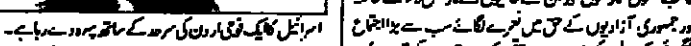








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## Hill stops Lasisi to retain title

BISMARCK, N.D., May 28. (Reuters) Virgil Hill made good on a pre-fight prediction by stopping challenger Joe Lasisi of Nigeria in the seventh round yesterday for the sixth defence of his World Boxing Association (WBA) light heavyweight title.

Hill made good his first stab at fight prediction by going to the body and using a stinging jab to dominate Lasisi until Canadian referee Hubert Earle stopped the scheduled 12-round bout at 1:56 of the seventh round.

The victory improved the American's record to 25-0. Lasisi, a former sparring partner of Hill's, lost for the first time in 23 professional fights.

Hill wore the Nigerian down with his relentless jab and Earle halted the fight with Lasisi pinned against the ropes near his own corner.

Despite a brief protest from Lasisi's corner, Earle declared the fight over.

"He went defenceless against the ropes," said Earle. "His head was just there for free picking. He did take a lot of punches and he didn't answer any."

Hill was ahead on all three judges' scorecards at the time.

The only knockdown came in the first round when Lasisi was decked by a left hook. But the challenger bounced back after losing the first two rounds on all scorecards.

Lasisi held his own from rounds three through six before Hill poured on the pressure.

"As a champion, Virgil showed it today," said Lasisi.

Hill returned the compliment. "He's a dangerous fighter," said Hill. "He knows one thing, to hit you as hard as he can."

The champion went to the body early and often. When he got away from the body punches, Lasisi got back into contention.

But after stunning Hill briefly in the fifth with a hard right, it was back to jabbing for Hill — with success.

Next up for Hill, according to promoter Bob Arum, would be either of the two winners of light heavyweight title fights scheduled next month in Atlantic City.

Canadian Donny Lalonde tries to wrest the World Boxing Council title away from Briton Dennis Andries on June 24 and American Bobby Czyz challenges International Boxing Federation champion Charles Williams the following day.

**Fenech makes debut as rugby player**

SYDNEY, Australia, May 28. (AP) Triple world boxing champion Jeff Fenech made his debut as a professional rugby league player today, just two months after retiring from the ring.

Fenech, 25, quit boxing in April after successfully defending with WBC featherweight title with a unanimous points decision over Mexican Marcos Villasana in Melbourne.

He formerly held the IBF bantamweight and WBC super-bantamweight titles and retired with a 23-0 record. He won all 11 world title fights he contested.

Fenech said he had put on more than 30 pounds (13 kilograms) since quitting boxing because of fragile hands.

## Ojeda back after hedge clipper accident

LOS ANGELES, May 28. (AP) Bob Ojeda has pitched his first complete game since nearly severing a finger on his pitching hand, and is looking forward to a successful season with the New York Mets.

On Friday, Ojeda allowed seven hits as the Mets beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-2. It was the first time he had completed a game since beating the Montreal Expos 3-0 last season at Montreal. Last Sept. 21, he accidentally cut himself with an electric hedge clipper.

"I've pretty much put it behind me," Ojeda said. "I've been throwing the ball pretty well the last five starts. I was throwing on the side the other day, and Mel (pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre) said that was the sharpest I've thrown all year."

Friday's game "was a confidence builder for him," team-mate Darryl Strawberry said. "Bobby O tonight was the pitcher he's always been for us," Strawberry said. "He threw with a lot of confidence and a lot of poise. This will get him in the right frame of mind and make him stop doubting that he can pitch anymore. When you put yourself in that position, it's very difficult to get out of it."

Ojeda's accident kept him out of the National League playoffs. All he could do was watch from the bench with a cast on his hand.

"It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do in sports," he said. "I'd rather have gone out there and gotten beat badly than not to have played at all."

## Cubs snap Reds' winning string

### Astros overcome Pirates

CHICAGO, May 28. (AP) Rick Sutcliffe pitched a four-hitter and Damon Berryhill and Dwight Smith each drove in two runs yesterday as the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-3 for their ninth victory in 11 games.

Sutcliffe, 6-3, yielded a solo homer to Chris Sabo in the third inning and a two-run shot to Eric Davis in the ninth.

Previously unbeaten Jose Rijo, 4-1, gave up six hits and four runs in four innings as Cincinnati, which had won each of Rijo's nine previous starts this season, had its four-game winning streak snapped.

Berryhill's sacrifice fly and Smith's infield single gave Chicago a 2-0 lead in the first inning and Berryhill and Smith hit run-scoring singles in the third. In the fifth, Vance Law singled to score Berryhill, who doubled off Tim Lirtsas.

As a champion, Virgil showed it today," said Lasisi. Hill returned the compliment. "He's a dangerous fighter," said Hill. "He knows one thing, to hit you as hard as he can."

each had three hits. Astros 5, Pirates 4. Glenn Davis tied the score with a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning and Rafael Ramirez singled home the winner with two out in the 12th. Dan Schatzeder earned the victory. Braves 4, Cardinals 1.

An error by St. Louis third baseman Terry Pendleton allowed the go-ahead run to score in the eighth inning and Andre Thomas added a two-run homer. Jose Alvarez, in relief, was the winner.

Dodgers 2, Mets 1. Mike Morgan lowered his Major League-leading ERA to 1.19 and came within one out of his first National League shutout. Jeff Hamilton singled twice and scored both Los Angeles runs.

Padres 5, Expos 0. Walt Terrell gave Montreal a taste of its own shutout medicine with a six-hitter and Tim Lincecum had two run-scoring hits. White Sox 5, Blue Jays 3. Carlos Martinez hit first

Major-League homer to snap a six-inning tie as Chicago ended a seven-game losing streak. Meido Perez, 3-5, allowed eight hits, struck out four and walked two in seven innings. Royals 5, Tigers 1.

Mark Gubicza pitched a seven-hitter to win at home for the first time in five starts this year and Jim Eisenreich had a single and two doubles. Orioles 5, Indians 1.

Mickey Tettleton hit his sixth homer in 12 games and Dave Schmidt and Mark Huismann combined on a four-hitter as Baltimore won its fifth straight.

Results  
American League  
Kansas City 5, Detroit 1  
Chicago 5, Toronto 3  
Oakland 5, New York 0  
Baltimore 5, Cleveland 1  
Texas 5, Minnesota 3  
Milwaukee 3, Seattle 2  
California 3, Boston 2

Standings  
American League  
East Division  
Baltimore 23 21 523  
Boston 22 21 500  
New York 21 25 457  
Cleveland 21 26 447  
Milwaukee 20 26 435  
Detroit 19 27 413  
Toronto 19 28 404

West Division  
Oakland 32 16 667  
California 30 16 652  
Kansas City 28 19 596  
Texas 26 19 578  
Seattle 24 25 490  
Minnesota 21 25 457  
Chicago 18 29 383

National League  
East Division  
Chicago 26 19 578  
New York 24 21 533  
St. Louis 23 22 511  
Montreal 24 24 500  
Pittsburgh 19 26 422  
Philadelphia 18 27 400

West Division  
San Francisco 26 21 553  
San Diego 26 24 520  
Houston 23 24 489  
Los Angeles 23 22 511  
Atlanta 20 28 417

## Jordan helps Bulls edge past Pistons

CHICAGO, May 28. (AP) Michael Jordan's short jumper with three seconds left capped a rally from a 13-point deficit late in the game and gave the Chicago Bulls a 99-97 victory over Detroit yesterday for a 2-1 lead in the NBA Eastern Conference finals.

Chicago trailed 90-77 with 6:18 left before Jordan, who scored 17 of his 46 points in the final period, led the startling comeback.

He scored 10 during a three-minute span, and his drive with 53 seconds left made it 87-95 before Horace Grant tied it with two free throws with 28 seconds remaining after a foul by Dennis Rodman.

Bill Laimbeer was called for an offensive foul with nine seconds left, setting up Jordan's game-winning shot. He took an inbound pass from Scottie Pippen and drove to the right of the basket before putting in a jumper.

The Bulls, seeking their third straight upset in the playoffs, retained the homecourt advantage in the series with yesterday's victory. Half of the four remaining games of the best-of-7 series are scheduled for Chicago, starting Monday with game 4.

Mark Aguirre led Detroit with 25 points, while Vinnie Johnson had 19, including 11 in the fourth quarter. Bill Cartwright scored 15 for the Bulls.

The Bulls led 31-29 with 10:32 left in the second quarter before Johnson's 3-point goal sparked a 9-0 spurt that made it 38-31.

After a Chicago free throw, a basket by Aguirre started a run in which he scored the next 11 points for the Pistons as they extended their margin to 49-38 with 2:54 left in the half.

Three free throws by John Long completed the 27-11 run and gave the Pistons a 56-42 advantage. During the Detroit spurt, Chicago had only two field goals in 10:13.

The Bulls closed the gap to 56-45 at halftime on a three-point play by Jordan with 18 seconds left.

Chicago, which finished 16 games behind Detroit during the regular season, got as close as seven points twice in the third quarter, the second time at 64-57 on a drive by Jordan with 6:23 remaining.

The Pistons, who got eight rebounds from Rodman in the quarter, went on to lead 77-66 at the end of the third period, the same margin they had at halftime.

**Paek KO's Obelmejas**  
SEOUL, South Korea, May 28. (AP) South Korean challenger Paek In-Chul knocked out Venezuela's Fulgencio Obelmejas and became the new World Boxing Association super-middleweight champion in a 12-round title match today.

The end came at 2:21 of the 11th round when the champion was down after taking a devastating right to the face.

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## GOLF

### Blake birdies final hole for one-shot lead

MARIETTA, Ga., May 28. (Reuters) Jay Don Blake birdied the par-five final hole yesterday to take a one-stroke lead over fellow-American Duffy Waldorf after three rounds of the \$900,000 Atlanta Golf Classic.

The lanky former US college champion from Utah State University shot a two-under-par 70 for a total of nine-under-par 207 at the Atlanta Country Club. Blake was the first-day leader with a 66 but had a 71 for the second round.

Waldorf, another former college star at University of California at Los Angeles, was alone in second place after a one-under 71 for 208.

Former Masters champion Larry Mize, Davis Love III, and Kent Kluba were tied for third place at seven-under-par 209.

Wayne Grady of Australia, the second-round leader, bogeyed the 15th, 17th, and 18th holes to finish the day with a 75 that dropped him into a 10-way tie for seventh place at 211.

Mike Miles was alone in sixth place at 20 after a 66. Isao Aoki of Japan, a contender through two rounds, suffered a strained shoulder muscle while exercising before the round. He tried to play, but withdrew after nine holes.

Blake had three birdies and only one bogey. His go-ahead birdie at the 499-yard 18th hole came after he reached the green with a booming drive and then a six-iron. He two-putted from 40 feet.

### Irish 1,000 Guineas

Enaconn, ridden by Ray Cochrane, on its way to victory in the Irish 1,000 Guineas Classic at the Curragh race course in Dublin on Saturday. Aldbourne was second and Run to Jenny third. (Reuters)

### Okamoto opens gap at top

CORNING, N.Y., May 28. (Reuters) Japan's Akemi Okamoto posted a four-under-par 67 despite windy and cold weather to stretch her lead to five strokes after the third round of the \$325,000 Corning Classic golf tournament yesterday.

Okamoto, who began the day with a one-shot lead over American Beth Daniel, finished 54 holes with a total of 202, 11 under par. Daniel shot an even-par 71 to remain at six under for the tournament. American Pat Bradley recorded a 69 to move into third place at 209.

"I played very consistently today," said Okamoto. "It was cold on the front side and I was a little nervous. I wanted to hit the ball better on the back."

A bogey on the third hole dropped Okamoto into a tie for the lead with Daniel, but not for long. The Japanese birdied the fourth to resume the lead. A two-shot swing on the seventh hole where Daniel bogeyed while Okamoto birdied cemented her hold on the lead.

"I feel a little secure about my lead, but Beth Daniel has potential to shoot a low round in the 60s tomorrow," said Okamoto.

## Broad slams ton for Notts

LONDON, May 28. (Reuters) Opener Chris Broad enhanced his chances of an England recall for the forthcoming Test series against the Australians by scoring 132 for Nottinghamshire against Glamorgan in the county championship yesterday.

Broad led the way with 10 fours in his 244-minute innings as Notts made 300 for six declared on an easy-placed Cardiff wicket.

He and Mike Newell added 124 for the first wicket, of which Newell contributed only 31. Broad was then joined in another century partnership by Paul Johnson, who made 52, before both were dismissed in successive overs.

Glamorgan had made 27 without loss at the close of the first day of the three-day match.

Batting was not so straightforward at Bristol where county champions Worcestershire were bowled out for 201, but struck back to leave Gloucestershire on 86 for five at stumps.

Worcestershire captain Phil Neale made a patient 70 in four



Curran: bowled well

hours and figured in a 57-run last-wicket partnership with Paul Priddy.

The wickets were shared between fast bowler David Lawrence (four for 62) and all-rounder Kevin Curran (six for 53).

Gloucestershire lost two early wickets, but appeared to be recovering as Tony Wright and Mark Alleyne added 46.

However, both were out with the score on 78 and Jack Russell then became the third man to be dismissed without a run being scored.

Scores  
At Chelmsford: Essex 327 for eight (J. Stephenson 102, B. Hardie 46) v Somerset.

At Cardiff: Nottinghamshire 300 for six declared in 97.5 overs (C. Broad 132, P. Johnson 52). Glamorgan 27 for no wicket in nine overs.

At Bristol: Worcestershire 201 in 70.5 overs (P. Neale 70, K. Curran six for 53, D. Lawrence four for 62). Gloucestershire 86 for five in 36 overs (J. Wright 46).

At Bournemouth: Hampshire 288 in 103.2 overs (R. Scott 77, K. James 68). Leicestershire six for no wicket in four overs.

At Liverpool: Sussex 288 for seven (D. Smith 101, C. Wells 66, A. Wells 52) v Lancashire. At the Oval: Surrey 330 for five (D. Bicknell 119, R. Ali Khan 51) v Yorkshire. At Edgbaston: Warwickshire 194 in 94.4 overs. Middlesex 56 for two in 12 overs.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## European Open

GENEVA, May 28. (Reuters): Results of the women's singles final in the \$100,000 Geneva European Open tennis tournament today: Manuela Maleeva (Bulgaria) beat Conchita Martinez (Spain) 6-4 6-0.

## Novotna wins

STRASBOURG, France, May 28. (Reuters): Result of the final of the \$100,000 Strasbourg women's tennis tournament today: Jana Novotna (Czechoslovakia) beat Patricia Tabares (Argentina) 6-1 6-2.

## Florence GP

FLORENCE, Italy, May 28. (Reuters): Results of the final of the Florence Men's Grand Prix tennis tournament today: Horacio de la Pena (Argentina) beat Goran Ivanisevic (Yugoslavia) 6-4 6-3.

## Soccer violence

GLASGOW, Scotland, May 28. (Reuters): More than 250 people were arrested in a police crackdown on violence at a soccer match between England and Scotland yesterday.

## Spanish soccer

BARCELONA, Spain, May 28. (Reuters): Barcelona moved to within two points of Spanish League leaders Real Madrid yesterday when they beat Athletic Bilbao 3-0, all their goals coming in a five-minute spell.

## Belgium triumph

RUSSELS, May 28. (Reuters): A late penalty earned Belgium, who meet Luxembourg in a World Cup qualifier next week, a 1-0 win over Yugoslavia in a soccer friendly yesterday.

## Cup qualifier

JAKARTA, May 28. (Reuters): Indonesia and Japan drew 0-0 in their World Cup, East Asia Group Six first round qualifying soccer match today.

## Transfer coup

MONTPELLIER, France, May 28. (Reuters): French Division One team Montpellier pulled off a remarkable transfer coup today when they signed brilliant young strikers Eric Cantona and Stephane Paille for next season.

## Italian soccer

ROME, May 28. (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division soccer matches today:

Ascoli	3	Atlanta	1
Cesena	0	Verona	0
Como	1	AC Milan	1
Internazionale	2	Napoli	1
Juventus	1	Fiorantina	1
Lecco	1	Bologna	1
Pisa	1	Torino	0
Roma	0	Lazio	0
Sampdoria	4	Pescara	1

## Ice hockey

TOKYO, May 28. (AP): The world champion Soviet Union, powered by Sergei Nemchinov's two goals, today beat Japan 10-6 (4-0, 2-4, 4-2) in the three-nation '89 Super Ice Hockey Tournament.

## Overall title

OSAKA, Japan, May 28. (AP): American Peggy Maass today won the women's race and captured the women's overall title in the '89 International Cycle Road Race series.

## Sudirman Cup

JAKARTA, Indonesia, May 28. (AP): Indonesia and South Korea advanced to the finals of the Sudirman Cup World Mixed Badminton Team Championships.

## Race-walking

HOSPITALET DE LLOBREGAT, Spain, May 28. (AP): Frank Kosturevich of the Soviet Union and Beate Anders of East Germany yesterday won the World Race-walking Championships for men and women.

## Ozaki wins

KIKUYOCHO, Japan, May 28. (AP): Taseo Ozaki, who led since the second round, shot a 71 today to win the 70-million-yen (\$500,000) Mitsubishi Galant Golf Tournament by two strokes today.

## African soccer

KHARTOUM, Sudan, May 28. (AP): Sudan's leading soccer team, Al Murada, beat Kenya's AFC Leopards 3-0 in the second leg of the African Club Championship last night.

## F-3000 series

SUZUKA, Japan, May 28. (AP): Emanuele Pirro of Italy today beat American Ross Cheever in a close race to win the all Japan F-3000 championship series, the fourth leg of the eight-race series.

## W. Germany win

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, May 28. (Reuters): West Germany beat Argentina 2-1 in the final of the World Team Cup Men's Tennis Tournament to clinch the title today. Boris Becker beat Guillermo Perez-Roldan, Carl-Uwe Steeb lost to Martin Jaitte and Becker/Eric Jelen beat Javier Frana/Gustavo Luza.

## Ireland triumph

DUBLIN, May 28. (UPI): Republic of Ireland 2 (Houghton 32nd, Moran 55th), Malta 0. World Soccer Cup, European Group Six qualifying match played today.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game held on Saturday:

1. Nahil Akel & Narendra Shah
2. Dr. Oskay & Shanti
3. Aurora & Gajjar
4. Mrs. Sapre & Desmond Percira
5. Mrs. B. Percira & Mr. D'Souza
6. Johnny & Chaudhry

## Japan outlast Scotland for first rugby Test victory

TOKYO, May 28. (Reuters): Japan scored their first full international victory today when they beat Scotland 28-24 with a fast and furious display of open rugby at the Prince Chichibu stadium.

Scotland, who had easily outclassed a selection of Japanese representative sides in the previous four games of their tour, started the final as firm favourites.

But Japan, displaying more commitment than a Scottish team weakened by the loss of several players to the British Lions, ended with five tries to one.

They opened the scoring with two penalties from full back Toshitsugu Yamamoto before captain Yoshihito Yoshida broke over down the left for his side's first try in the 17th minute.

Scotland, rattled by the speed and fine handling of the Japanese, failed with five penalties before scrum-half Craig Oliver scored with the sixth in the 32nd minute.

Japan's willingness to chase a very ball earned a second try for flanker Toshiyuki Hayashi when he picked up a poor clearance to get through into the corner.

Then Iwan Tukalo tried to run the ball from inside his own 22 but was quickly swamped. Eiji Kutsuki danced through the sprawling Scottish defence for a converted try which put Japan 20-3 ahead.

Scotland kept going, picking up three points from another Oliver penalty just on half-time and their only try when hooker Jim Hay scrambled the ball down soon after the restart. Oliver's conversion and another penalty in the 53rd minute brought Scotland to 20-18.

But superb defensive play by Japan soaked up waves of Scottish attacks and was rewarded with a break-out over the length of the pitch which put Yamamoto through.

Oliver scored another penalty in the 66th minute but Japan broke out again for naturalised Tongan winger Nofomvili Taumoeafolau to score a fifth and final try in the 68th minute.

Within three minutes Douglas Wylie had dropped a nicely judged goal to keep Scottish hopes alive at 28-24 and set the scene for a frantic closing spell.

## Mizoguchi misses world record

Japanese athlete makes mammoth javelin throw

SAN JOSE, Calif., May 28. (Reuters): Japan's Kazuhiro Mizoguchi tossed the javelin a stunning 87.60 metres for history's second best throw ever on a windy yesterday at the Bruce Jenner Grand Prix meeting.

The throw was a mere six cm off the world record that Czechoslovakia's Jan Zelezny set in May 1987 and was more than three metres better than the 27-year-old Mizoguchi's previous personal best of 84.16 metres in 1987.

The stunned Mizoguchi slapped his head and said, "I can't believe it, I can't believe it," when the long throw was announced.

A sales promotion employee of a Japanese sporting goods company, Mizoguchi was not ranked among the world's top 10 throwers last year and finished 19th in the Seoul Olympics.

The winning toss came on Mizoguchi's fourth attempt and was into a strong cross wind. He also had throws of 80.24, 81.82 and a foul before his big toss. He then threw 78.58 metres before passing on his last attempt.

"It was a good wind," Mizoguchi said of the winning



Myricks: jumped 8.41 metres

throw. "The wind gusting up at that time."

He said he would return home to Japan today and would next compete in the World Games in Helsinki on June 29.

Asked whether he thought he could break the world record this

year, Mizoguchi said, "I hope so."

The surprising toss highlighted a mixed bag of results at the opening meeting of the summer-long Grand Prix season.

Olympic silver medalist Mike Powell leaped 8.55 metres, with

the help of the wind, to win the men's long jump. US Olympian Larry Myricks travelled 8.41 metres, also wind-aided.

The wind also aided US collegian Dawn Sowell, who won the women's 100 metres by an impressive three metres in 10.93 seconds. American Esther Jones was second in 11.09.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, the Olympic gold medalist in the women's long jump and heptathlon, met with mixed results in the women's 400-metre hurdles. She won the event in 57.15 seconds, but the time was slower than she had hoped.

"Between the second and seventh hurdles, I hit every one," said Joyner-Kersey, who will run the 100- and 400-metre hurdles frequently this season.

For the eighth year in a row, No. 1 ranked American miler Steve Scott captured the 1,500 metre event.

Scott finished in 3:39.33 in the meet yesterday, nipping Jeff Atkinson who had 3:39.70.

"Any streak is a lot of fun," Scott said afterwards.

World 400 metres record holder Butch Reynolds could not

run down fellow-American Henry Thomas in the men's 200 metres. Thomas won in a wind-aided 20.42 seconds with Reynolds less than a step behind in 20.46.

Olympic silver medalist Randy Barnes won the shot put with a best of 21.40 metres, and his fellow-American Mike Buncic out-threw Wolfgang Schmidt, a native East German who now competes for West Germany, in the men's discus.

Seoul 400-metre hurdles winner Andre Phillips of the United States did not participate because of a hamstring injury and Peter Rono, the Olympic 1,500 metre champion from Kenya, failed to show.

Cuba's Ana Quirot, ranked number one in the world in the women's 800 metres despite missing the Olympics, ran one of the fastest times of the year to win the event in two minutes 0.43 seconds. American Jack Pierce won the men's 110-metre hurdles in a wind-aided 13.36 seconds.

The next Grand Prix meeting is scheduled for Volgograd in the Soviet Union on June 11.



## Nice triathlon

Mark Allen, of the United States, kisses the winner's medal after finishing first in the Nice International Triathlon. He completed the event in 5 hrs 54 mins 31 secs. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Biaison shares lead in Acropolis Rally

ATHENS, Greece, May 28. (AP): The gruelling Acropolis Motor Rally got underway today as 97 cars roared off the starting line at the foot of the famous ancient monument.

Last year's winner, Massimo "Miki" Biaison who is the present leader in the world championship standings, with co-driver T. Sivero, are favoured to repeat in their Lancia Delta HF Integrale.

Biaison and three other crews took the lead over the first special stage held on a rough dirt track near the village of Anavassos.

He racked up 3 minutes and 11 seconds in penalty points over the 4.47 kilometre (2.77 miles) course in southern Attica. Biaison shared the spot with Juha Kankkunen of Finland, piloting a Toyota Celica turbo 4WD, and his Toyota team-mate Kenneth Eriksson of Sweden. Ari Vatanen of Sweden, behind the wheel of a Mitsubishi Galant VR-4, also racked up 3:11.

One of the rally's favourites, Alex Fiorio of Italy in a Lancia Delta HF Integrale, did not do as well on the first stage and totalled 3.18 in penalty points.

Veteran drivers Timo Salonen and V. Silander as well as Hannu Mikkola, all of Finland, along with Christian Geistdorfer, were scratched when their Mazda 323 4WD cars encountered engine overheating problems. The Finns were expected to be among the top three finishers.

Of the 104 entries, seven cars failed to pass the technical inspection yesterday, organising officials of the event reported.

The four-day rally organised by the Greek Automobile Touring Club (ELPA), takes the drivers over 1,880 kilometres (1,175 miles) of hazardous roads through mountain passes and villages of mainland Greece.

## Standings

1. Equal. Massimo Biaison (Italy) Lancia, Juha Kankkunen (Finland) Toyota, Kenneth Eriksson (Sweden) Toyota, Ari Vatanen (Finland) Mitsubishi all three minutes 11 seconds; 5. Carlos Sainz (Spain) Toyota 3:12; 6. Jorge Recalde (Argentina) Lancia 3:13; 7. Equal. Didier Auriol (France) Lancia, Patrick Snijers (Belgium) Toyota 3:14; 9. Jim McRae (Britain) Mitsubishi 3:17; 10. Alessandro Fiorio (Italy) Lancia 3:18.

## MCC outplay Social

MUGHAL Cricket Club (MCC) beat Social Cricket Club by 33 runs in a Summer League match at the EPI ground on Friday.

MCC, batting first, scored 111 for the loss of seven wickets in the allotted overs. Tariq Mahmood was the top scorer with 32 while Zahid scored 18, Mustafa 18, Arshad Butt 15 and Saeed 14.

For Social, Frank and Chris took two wickets each while Jackson and Ayub got one each.

In reply, Social were all out for 78 runs in 18 overs. The Social openers, Prashant and Zaher, scored 16 runs each while Dev got 14 and Ayub 10. No other batsman reached the double figures.

For MCC, Zahid did the damage with five wickets for 24



Zahid: five wickets

took six overs. Tariq and Tahir took two wickets each. Zahid was named Man of the Match.

## Teenagers set to dominate women's singles

## Graf and Sabatini heading for showdown

PARIS, May 28. (Reuters): The withdrawal of old-stagers Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert has cleared the way for another teen-age parade in the women's singles at the French Open tennis championships which start tomorrow.

The writing on the wall for the end of the two Americans' long domination of women's tennis appeared in large letters at Roland Garros last year when Navratilova and Evert both lost to rivals barely more than half their age.

Neither reached the quarterfinals where seven teenagers and "oldie" Helena Sukova, 23, of Czechoslovakia formed the youngest last eight line-up in the history of Grand Slam tennis.

There is every prospect of another youth festival this year with eight of the 16 seeds aged under 20. On top of that, the best-ranked player not seeded is Yugoslav Monica Seles, already the world number 23 at the tender age of 15.

Seles has impressive references, which include a recent win over Evert, who at 34 has finally recognised that her legs are no longer up to the gruelling task of a series of exhausting baseline battles on the slow clay courts of Paris.

With the veterans out of the way — the 32-year-old Navratilova decided to concentrate on preparing for Wimbledon — the top seeds and leading arch-rivals of the new generation,

Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini, both 19, are heading for a showdown.

The two are in first-round action on centre court tomorrow, West German Graf facing American Camille Benjamin and Argentine Sabatini playing Akemi Nishiyama of Japan.

Graf, top seed and winner at Paris for the past two years, could become the first woman to pull off a Roland Garros title hat-trick in more than 50 years.

The last player to achieve that distinction was also a German, Hilda Sperling, who won the crown from 1935 to 1937.

Graf, aiming to equal Navratilova's record of six successive Grand Slam titles, has lost only six matches in the past two years but her only defeat this season was at the hands of Sabatini, whose heavy top-spin game is at its best on clay.

Sabatini badly wants to win her first Grand Slam crown but she has a few obstacles to overcome on her way to the final.

Spaniard Arantza Sanchez, 17, who downed Evert last year, 1988 losing finalist Natalia Zvereva, 18, of the Soviet Union and 17-year-old American Mary-Joe Fernandez, the 15th seed, are all in her half of the draw.

Graf, who needs no favours, has an easier looking task, though the highly promising 17-year-old Spaniard Conchita Martinez, beaten finalist today at the European Open in Gen-

eva, is among the opponents who may try to brave the terrifying pace of her forehead drives.

With 39 teenagers receiving direct entry into the main draw, Graf could find life more comfortable in the open space of centre court than back in the dressing rooms where her concentration may be upset by the incessant chat of chaperones.

Meanwhile, the appearance of former champion Yannick Noah at Roland Garros on the eve of the Open prompted an almost audible sigh of relief by both organisers and fans yesterday.

Noah, who beat Mats Wilander of Sweden in the 1983 men's singles final to become the first Frenchman to win the title for almost 40 years, had been considered a doubtful starter after weeks struggling to get over a heel injury. But the dreadlocked Noah pronounced himself fit on Friday and started serious weekend training for the tournament at the weekend.

"I just need two or three days' hard training," he said. "But I'm ready to play. When Roland Garros comes round my motivation is at its maximum."

The French Open without Noah, adored by the home crowd for his exciting attacking style, would never be quite the same and this year he is needed more than ever after the withdrawal of several top names.

## Bull called into England Cup squad

LONDON, May 28. (Reuters): Steve Bull was rewarded for scoring on his England debut yesterday by being added to the squad for the World Cup qualifier against Poland on June 3.

Bull became only the fifth Third Division player to represent England since World War Two when he came on as a substitute for the injured John Fashanu in the Rous Cup match against Scotland.

He marked his first senior international appearance with the second goal in a 2-0 win.

Fashanu's knee injury almost certainly rules him out of the European Group Two tie against Poland. Nottingham Forest midfielder Steve Hodge has also withdrawn from the squad.

The World Cup call completes a remarkable two years for the 24-year-old Bull. He scored over 100 goals in domestic soccer for Wolverhampton.

## Senna takes pole position to equal Clark's record

Fangio urges Prost to consider retiring

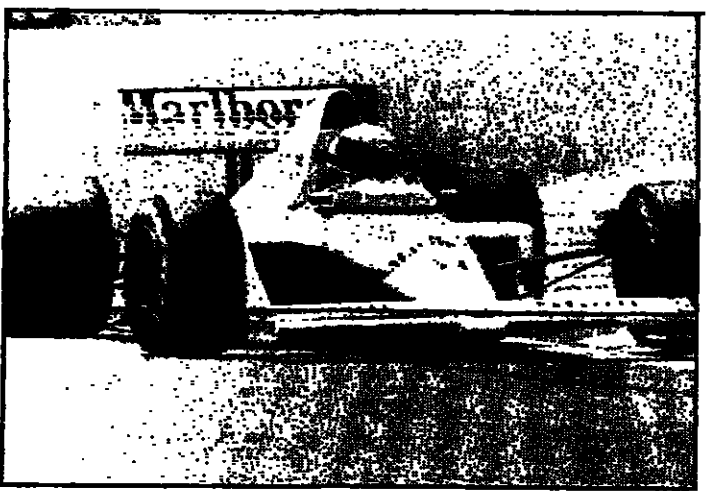
MEXICO CITY, May 28. World champion Ayrton Senna of Brazil equalled Briton Jim Clark's record of 33 pole positions yesterday when he claimed the prime grid position for today's Mexican Grand Prix motor race.

Senna, responding superbly to a strong challenge by his McLaren team-mate and world championship rival Alain Prost of France, clocked a fastest time of one minute 17.876 seconds to finish a rain-curtailed final qualifying session nine-tenths of a second ahead.

Prost, who held pole for a 15 minute spell early in the session, clocked a best time of 1:18.773 and will share the front row of the grid his team-mate for the third consecutive race.

It will be the seventh successive race in which the Brazilian has started from pole — another record he has claimed at the bumpy 2,340-metres altitude Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez on the outskirts of the city.

Briton Nigel Mansell, in a Ferrari, improved his time by a full two seconds, but still had to be satisfied with third-fastest time. He will share the second row of the grid with Italian Ivan Capelli who improved by more



Senna speeds around a corner on his way to the pole position. (Reuters wirephoto)

than five seconds in his March.

Riccardo Patrese of Italy, in a Williams, and Austrian Gerhard Berger, in the second Ferrari, claimed the third row of the grid.

Berger, who missed the Monaco Grand Prix, will be starting his first race since his blazing high-speed crash during the San Marino race at Imola last month.

Three-times world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil managed to scrape into the race with only a

few minutes to spare before rain fell 10 minutes from the end of the session.

He had failed to record a good enough time to compete until three-quarters of the session had elapsed and must have watched gratefully as the rain prevented his nearest rivals from overhauling his time.

Senna said: "I am obviously happy to have equalled Jim Clark's record and to have



Berger (right) gets his hands bandaged before the qualifying session. (Reuters wirephoto)

beaten my own record of six pole positions in a row, but I will feel even happier when I have scored my 34th pole position start.

"I made a mistake on my first run with the qualifying tyres on a second gear corner out at the back of the circuit, getting two wheels on the grass all the way to the next corner."

"But I still managed a low 1:19 lap. Then my second run was trouble free."

Prost said he was much happier with his car but admitted he may have set his fastest time a little too early.

"It's slightly disappointing, but it's always difficult to get pole with Ayrton out there trying."

Capelli, who had only clocked 1:24.720 on Friday, improved dramatically to 1:19.337.

His team-mate Brazilian Mauricio Gugelmin had clutch problems which delayed him and

when he was poised to attempt to overhaul Piquet the rain fell and ended his hopes of qualifying.

Senna said yesterday that parts of the circuit to be used for the Grand Prix were very dangerous and urgently needed improvement.

Senna said there was one particularly dangerous corner where there had been three accidents during practice and qualifying sessions.

"I hope there will not be any more accidents there tomorrow when all the cars are racing together," the Brazilian said.

"It is a very dangerous place and the accidents are proof of that. The organisers must make some changes to the circuit in the future."

Meanwhile, Juan Manuel Fangio, the great Argentine motor racing driver who won the world championship five times in the 1950s, urged Prost to consider quitting while at the top.

Fangio, 78, told Prost at a press conference that he had had 10 good years and now was the time for the Frenchman to consider his future.

He said: "I had 10 very good years. Jackie Stewart had 10 years and you will have had 10 years after this one."

## Ballesteros makes his bid in PGA event

WENTWORTH, England, May 28. (Reuters): World number one Seve Ballesteros of Spain, smouldering quietly for two rounds, caught fire to shoot a seven-under-par 65 in the British PGA Golf Championship today.

Then he lashed out at the slow play of the first two days and called for stiffer penalties for offenders.

After only just surviving the halfway cut with rounds of 73 and 74, Ballesteros finally found form on the back nine today and sliced six shots off par over the last seven holes.

Yet he still managed to miss a five-foot putt for an eagle at the last.

He was left with a 54-hole total of 212, four under par and four behind joint leaders Nick Faldo of Britain and Australian Craig Parry, who had not begun their rounds when Ballesteros finished.

"To be realistic, if the winds blow hard this afternoon, I suppose I might have a chance," he said, suggesting that the leaders could be troubled in strong winds.

"Who knows? I might shoot 64 tomorrow. I will just go out and shoot the best I can. You never know at this game."

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